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Inflation Looms In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Officials of the Bank of Japan moved to check the continued inflationary trend when that institution opened this morning.

The total note issue, which is a new high record, reached ¥4,405,000,000 on December 24. In the meantime loans outstanding had reached ¥585,000,000.

This demand for loans is attributed to the need for funds to pay dividends and also the lag in government payments.

250 GUNS POUNDING AWAY AT BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA

By RICHARD MACMILLAN
"United Press" Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BESIEGING BARDIA, DEC. 26 (UP).—HEAVY BRITISH ARTILLERY THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS DAY HAMMERED THE BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA, AND OCCASIONALLY THERE WERE INFANTRY ENGAGEMENTS IN NO-MAN'S-LAND.

THE BRITISH ATTACKERS HAVE BROUGHT UP HEAVY NAVAL ARTILLERY AND AT LEAST 250 BRITISH GUNS OF ALL CALIBRE ARE MASSED IN A SEMI-CIRCLE AROUND THE PORT, INCLUDING SOME FRESH BATTERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS.

THEY BOMBARD BARDIA

Here is one of the 250 guns reported to be incessantly bombarding the Italian stronghold of Bardia. As can be seen in this official photograph, the gun is manned by Australians.



BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

Closing In On Italians

(By "Reuter's" Correspondent in Sudan)

KHARTOUM, Dec. 26.—British patrols in the Kassala sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinian front are becoming more active and aggressive, and although this railway town, which is situated inside the Sudan 20 miles from the frontier, is held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for unwary Italian troops.

Britain's Food Supplies Quite Ample

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the Ministry of Food still has sufficient stocks of all essential foodstuffs, and even if the British people have to accept shorter rations, there is no fear of their being forced on to "iron" rations.

Even if the present butter ration is cut, the British people will still be getting a larger allowance than the inhabitants of the enemy countries and the territories they have over-run.

Food experts regard the position of far as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very good indeed.

The sugar-beet crop this autumn has been a very successful one and the Ministry of Food has ample sugar stocks, both home-produced and from overseas.

Ten supplies are expected to last for many months to come.

There is some suggestion that the meat ration may be reduced in the year from 10d. worth per head per week to 9d. worth. The Ministry has found that only about 90 to 95 per cent. of the present ration is used.

Swiss Raids Faked?

London Suspicion

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A suspicion that the enemy may have manufactured "evidence" to suggest that R.A.F. planes bombed Swiss territory is voiced in authoritative quarters in London to-day.

The Swiss General Staff communique stated that foreign planes flew over Swiss territory on Christmas Eve, and authoritative quarters in London now point out that it has been officially announced that no R.A.F. operations were carried out over Europe on the nights of December 24 and 25.

The same quarters observe that the Swiss Staff communique confirms the suspicion that earlier reports of bombing of Swiss territory by the R.A.F. may have been based on evidence manufactured by the enemy.

Training Thailanders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning aboard the Toba Maru for a six-month study at the Nippon Electric Manufacturing Company's plant. The group is accompanied by a Commander and a Lieutenant who will be returning to Bangkok immediately.

Men are found dead in lonely alleyways and at street corners in this once peaceful trading centre and men lock their doors fearful of soft-footed Sudanese troops who are reportedly stealing into the town under cover of darkness, seizing an occasional prisoner, killing a dozing sentry or merely "borrowing" some cases of beer or chianti.

On one occasion Sudanese entered the town and arrested a notorious enemy native agent as he was lying asleep by his house and carried him back to the British lines.

Ambushes In Tall Grass

All along the border British patrols and small parties of the Sudan Defence Force are hustling the enemy back towards the frontier. There has been a series of hide and seek ambushes among the thorn bushes and tall grass of the bush country.

Occasionally there is a larger operation when a mechanised patrol of the Sudan Defence Force waylays some Italian column which becomes too venturesome, but British harassing tactics originally designed to contain the enemy forces, are now having the effect of slowly pushing the Italians back.

The main body of the Italian Army is concentrated at Ahmara and Agordat in Eritrea, supporting Gallaabat.

There are also large concentrations in the neighbourhood of Addis Ababa.

Threat From Kenya

British and Imperial troops, now reinforced and fully equipped, are lying in wait like a cat watching a mouse along the whole front, while the Italian hold on Abyssinia is also threatened by General Cunningham's forces on the Kenya border.

Inside Abyssinia itself tribes are growing more restless. The flame of revolt is being further fanned by the R.A.F. who are incessantly bombing Italian strongholds within sight of the discontented tribesmen.

Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers," it was announced by the White House to-day.

In a letter to the President, the group, which included editors, lawyers, educationalists, actors and religious and labour leaders, appeals for everything possible to be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement," evidently to let President Roosevelt know what they consider a large section of the United States people would like to hear in his broadcast on Sunday.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the military, naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting; but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The signatories include Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative for New York, Henry Brockbridge, the well-known New York lawyer, Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thompson, the famous columnist.

Japanese Start New Operations

Southwest Kwangtung Towns Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Dec. 27 (Domei).—Simultaneously with the bringing into effect on December 25 of the blockade announced by Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet, on December 23, Japanese naval forces, including aircraft, started operations against the Chungking supply routes and harbours along the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, according to the press section of the Japanese South China Seas Fleet.

Naval planes carried out reconnaissance flights over Shantung, Tientsin, Keungkong, Fengtow, and Kwonghoi on the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, inflicting severe damage to warehouses filled with war materials to be used by Chiang Kai-shek's forces.

New Naval Appointment

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The appointment of Vice-Admiral John Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport was announced to-night.

During the last war Vice-Admiral Cunningham was at sea practically the whole time, taking part in, among other actions, the Dardanelles campaign.

(Vice-Admiral John Cunningham is not to be confused with Admiral Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean).

The attackers are confident that the end is only a question of days.

I passed up the line through the dust and shimmering sunlight, along the coastal road leading to Bardia, and saw what seemed to be an endless column of tanks and fresh troops with guns, many hauled by brand new Italian lorries which had been captured in the desert fighting.

Official Report

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters report says that the situation in Libya is unchanged. On the Southern frontier, the patrol made a successful raid on east Kassala and inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy.

Italian Incompetence

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Rome Radio and the Italian press have been trying to paint a picture of the holding out of the Bardia garrison as a heroic achievement and the Italian people are being told again and again of the good morale and fighting qualities of the soldiers overseas.

Commentators outside Italy remark on the ineptitude of this propaganda because it is known both inside and outside the country that the Italian series of defeats in Albania and the Western Desert is not the fault of the Italian soldiers but of the general direction of Italy's war policy.

Ill-Conceived Defences

Mussolini attacked Greece without taking the proper military measures to carry out the campaign. Marshal Graziani, like the other officers under Mussolini, spent three months preparing fortifications in the Western Desert that were so badly conceived that they fell like ninespins when the British attacked.

Italian Statement

ROME, Dec. 26 (Domei).—As the battle on the Cyrenaica front continued with undiminished intensity between artillery, the Italian submarine Mocceno under the command of Captain Alberto Agostini sank two large steamers in the Atlantic while bringing another with a torpedo, the Italian High Command claimed in a communique.

Italian planes attacked British advanced positions heavily bombing them, the communique stated. It also claimed that British mechanized units south of Cyrenaica were "effectively" bombed by Italian warplanes.

On the Greek front, Italian forces repulsed Greek attacks at many points captured a number of prisoners while causing considerable damage to the Greek forces, declared the communique.

De Gaulle Tells Vichy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The announcement that the Vichy Government has decided to release French officers captured at Dakar has drawn from General de Gaulle a rejoinder.

He welcomes the fact that French public opinion has compelled the release of these officers and non-commissioned officers whom, until recently, Vichy had intended to bring before a Court-Martial.

General de Gaulle adds that it is, however, clearly understood that the step taken by Vichy will in no way modify the safety measures taken regarding certain generals and senior officers arrested by the Free French forces in the course of recent Police operations in Gabon.

Hitler May Soon Attempt Invasion Of The Ukraine

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard, enabling the easy use of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a campaign was well within the bounds of possibility "in this war of surprises in which logic plays no part."

Turkish Opinion

ISTANBUL, Dec. 26 (UP).—A very well informed source who has just returned to Istanbul from Rumania is of the opinion that the arrival of any large new bodies of German troops would be highly significant, since the Rumanian authorities are not expecting any increase in the present figure, which, he said, was 42,000 men.

He suggested that any troop movements through Hungary might be partially due to a shift towards south Poland.

He estimated that there are 70 German divisions on the Russo-Polish frontier, the movement of which is difficult because of the comparatively antiquated Polish railway system.

Berlin Dismisses Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—Authorized Nazi circles said the foreign reports of Russo-German difficulties in the Rumanian area were "routine attempts of foreign propagandists to disturb the relations of the two countries."

They also dismissed the "wishful thinking" reports of German troop movements on the Russo-German frontier, and that Russia had strengthened her garrisons in both Bessarabia and Poland.

They put aside the report that the Russian delegate had resigned from the Danube river control conference which has now been adjourned until the middle of January.

Dover Patrol's Anti-Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Perfect "invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm sea.

Picked troops combed the beaches while the Channel coast was ready for instant action and the ships of the Dover Patrol slid through the mist keeping their day and night watch.

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were as crowded as in peacetime, music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight.

Vigilance Redoubled

While the unofficial air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel coast was redoubled. Arms workers sacrificed their holiday to ensure a continued steady stream of munitions, and to-day also war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing Day.

TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 2

NAZI EYES TURNING TOWARDS TURKEY

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (UP).—Germany now possesses sufficient military strength to drive a wedge between Greece and Turkey.

However, diplomatic sources assert that it would be difficult to reconcile any German passage through Yugo-Slavia because of the recent pact with Hungary.

The Bulgarian situation is equally delicate.

It is believed that the Russian garrisons in Bessarabia now total at least 20 divisions with full mechanized accessories. This is double the number of Russians there last summer and early autumn.

Spring Attack?

Germany's reported troops movement towards Rumania will require about one month according to the consensus of diplomatic opinion. It represents preparations for springtime positions rather than any immediate action in the Balkans; however, it is stressed the fact that it is impossible to do any accurate forecasting because everything is apparently dependent upon the attitude of Russia.

Perhaps the Soviets would prefer to throw their support towards TURKEY TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 3

EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of secret debate, passed by 122 to 68, a vote of confidence in the Government's foreign policy.

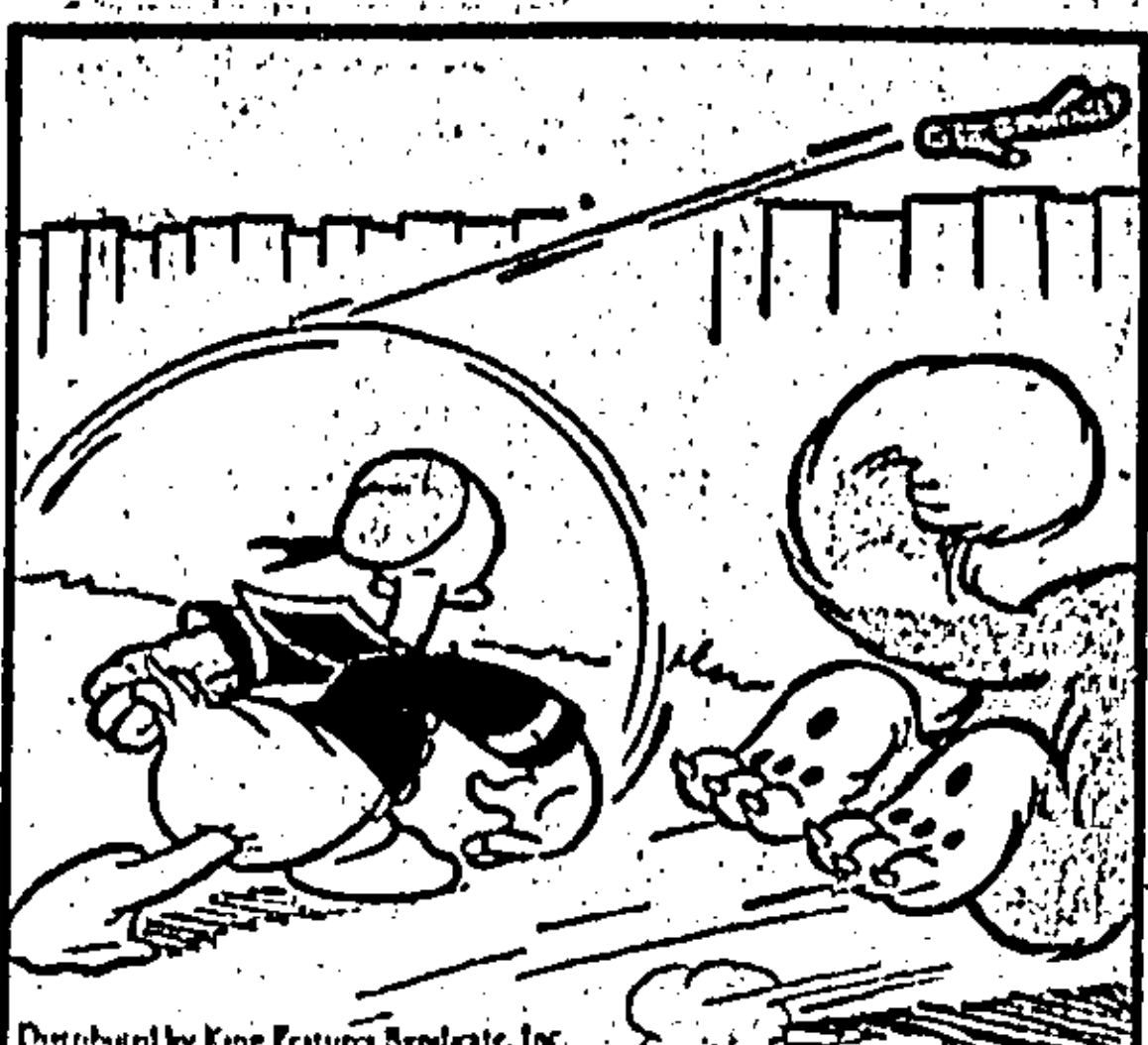
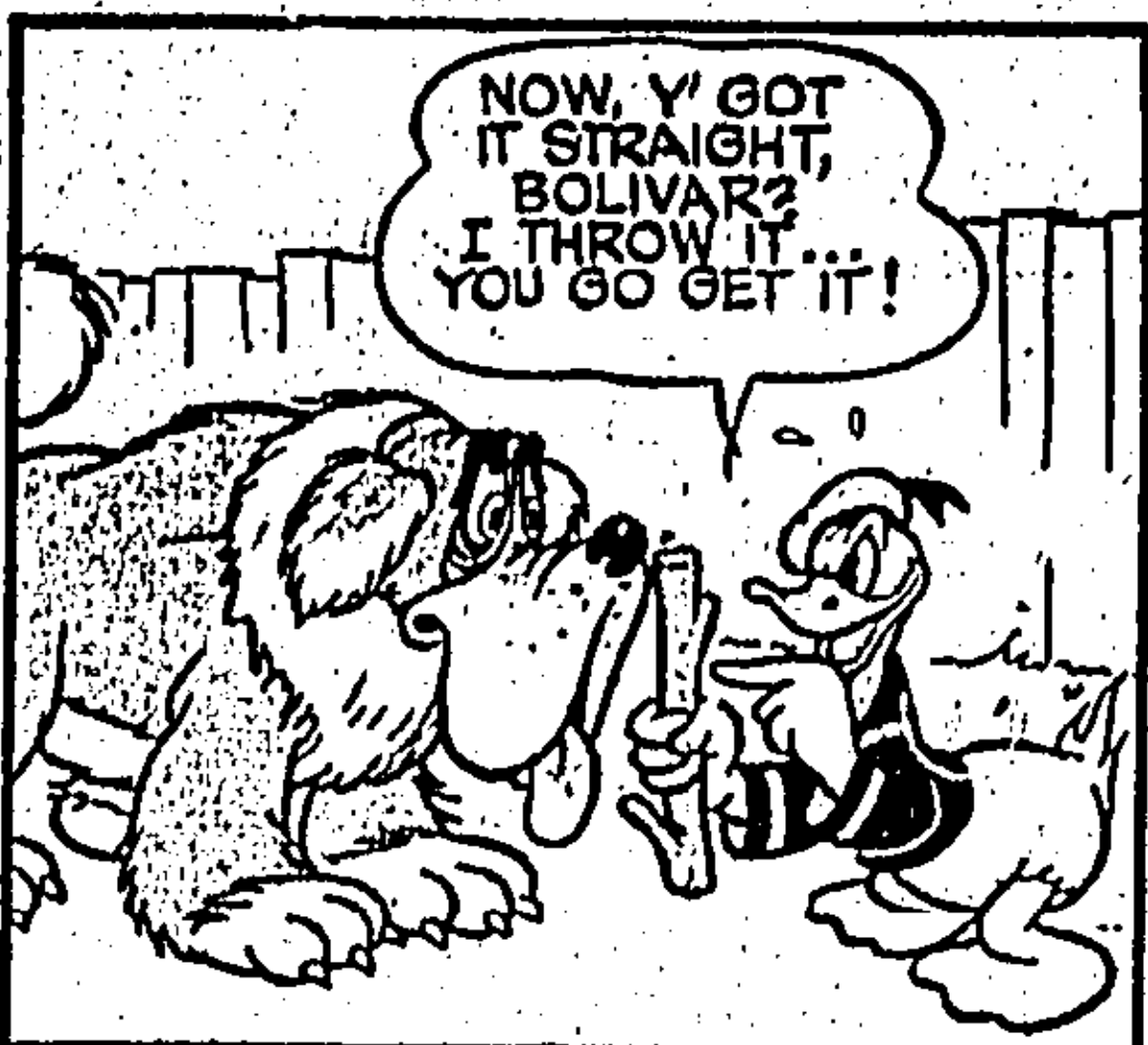
The Prime Minister, Sirry Pasha, winding up the debate, declared that danger to Egypt was remote after the British victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence preparations.

Sirry Pasha said that the Government's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and defence of the country. Egypt was loyally carrying out the Treaty.

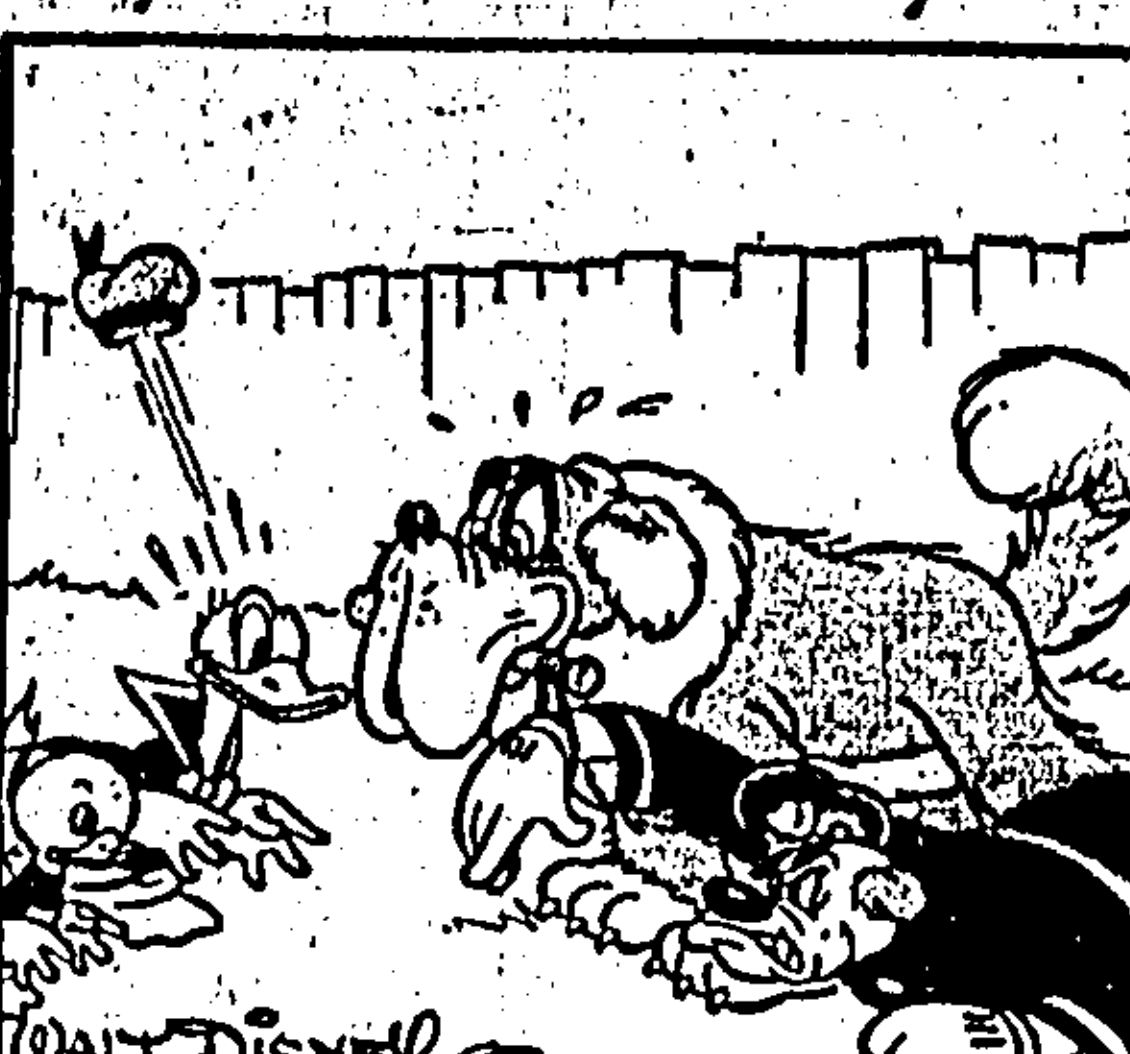
The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of Parliament when Sirry Pasha (then Prime Minister) collapsed and died.

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FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Better let him go . . . nobody'd believe you anyhow!"

SO I BALED OUT . . .

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. I could hear the thud of their bullets.

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions; my engine was damaged.

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its mark.

I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control column became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart.

Everything after this was perfectly calm. I was at about 10,000 feet, but some miles out to sea. I lifted my seat, undid my strap and opened the hood.

The wind became my ally. A hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—seemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air—floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute.

When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the beach came nearer.

I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot circled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot?

Well—he didn't. He behaved quite well. He opened his hood, waved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards France.

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the beach. I took out my cigarettes and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

Ages seemed to pass. I threw away the cigarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the raiders passed astern—and, passing over the houses on the sea-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping.

For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became anxious.

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had pushed

The Great Famine Has Begun

by W. N. EWER

EUROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Voelkischer Beobachter*.

"All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled *Radio Luxemburg*, "the harvest is being supervised by German organisations."

"All agricultural produce and all foodstuffs are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazis boast that food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

"The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgian and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? 'Wee to the conquered!'"

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping invasions was, doubtless, partly to be strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder.

It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the Reichstag, "control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganise their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialised," that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany, Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch. They must slaughter their cattle—and Germans will eat the meat.

As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

Again hear the Nazis boasting of what they are doing to the Danes.

"Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week—more than she used to send to England," cries the *Seemannsradio*.

"Deliveries of eggs and butter and livestock from Denmark are exceptionally big. Indeed, there are too many pigs being sent," says the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the *Transocean Agency*.

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from asking what they are gaining from these military victories.

Food to tide them over the coming winter.

After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter cattle twice.

Food—for the time being—for Germany. What of Denmark?

A third of her livestock has already gone to Germany, according to American reports to President Roosevelt.

Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal breadstuffs and fodder grain.

The agricultural situation, says another reliable report, "is becoming catastrophic."

With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that Denmark is being benefitted.

Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal breadstuffs and fodder grain.

How is it done?

Something, of course, the Reich sends in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder.

Denmark, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is either not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

Before the invasion, Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big German debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its place.

For the rest, payment has been made in German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this useless paper in Denmark.

And now the unhappy Danish Government has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off.

The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish kroner to cover these *Reichsschuldscheine*. The result of that (never mind the technicalities of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish currency.

Prices will rise. The unhappy Danes will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have stolen.

It is a device typical of Dr. Schacht. Hitler's financial schemes. Estimates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazi army has conquered.

For a time the plunderers are going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time.

Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tie herself over the coming winter this way; but hardly much longer.

Hitler is planning his hopes on getting peace this year. Germany is going to live on her conquests.

But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the outlook is famine, or something desperately close to it.

The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they are trying to profit by the very misery of their victims.

They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be the result of the British blockade.

They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belgians—more food that can be stolen and fed to Germans.

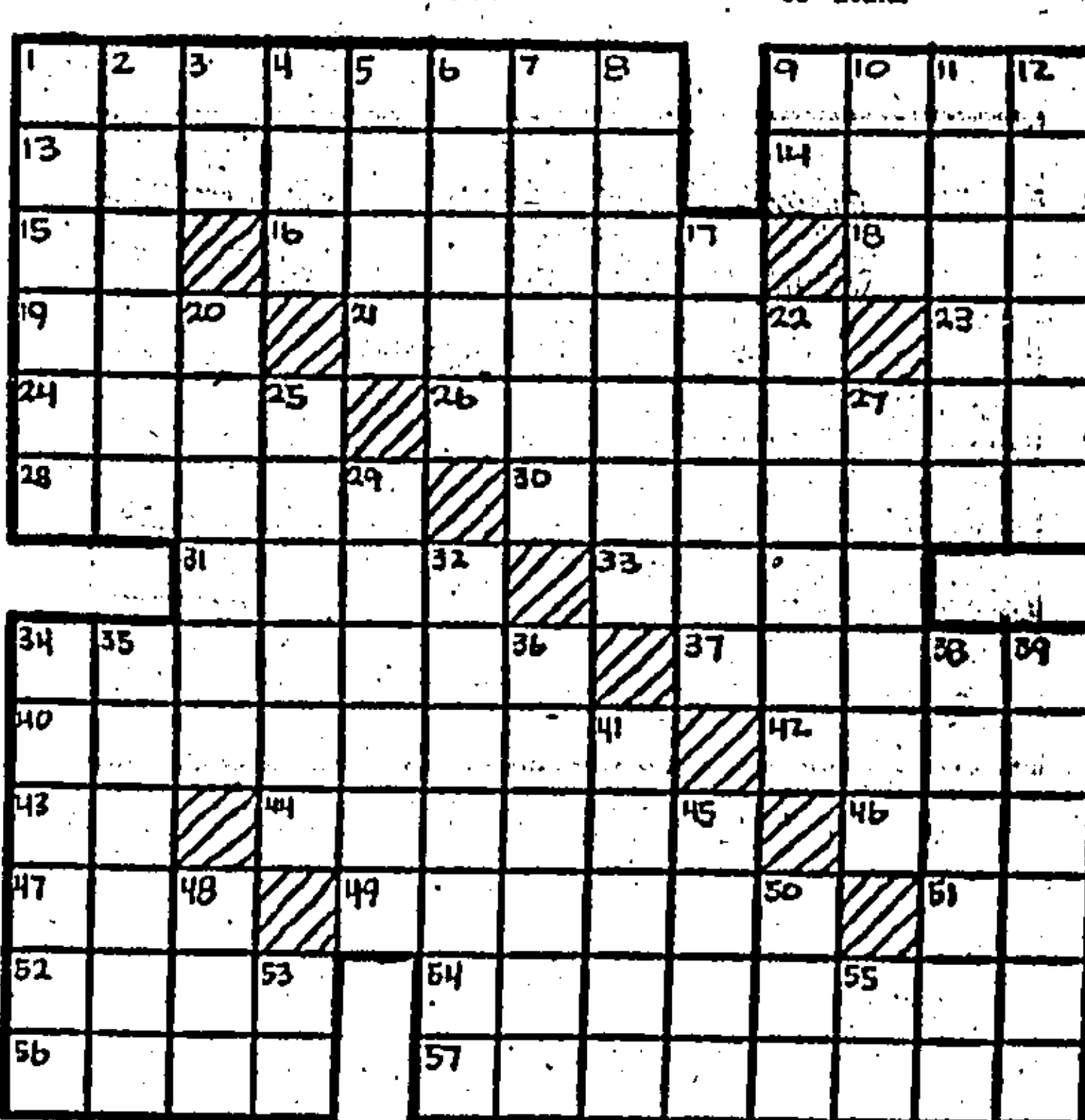
There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring.

It will be because the German armies and the Nazi Commissars have stolen the food of the people they have overrun.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1—Lift
 - 2—Master
 - 3—Press into sheets
 - 4—Three (German)
 - 5—In the same place (abbr.)
 - 6—Dish-drawer
 - 7—More dole (abbr.)
 - 8—Farish
 - 9—Shade (abbr.)
 - 10—The (French)
 - 11—Shrimp
 - 12—Bully (abbr.)
 - 13—Don't to septa
 - 14—Bharatpur
 - 15—Japanese vegetables
 - 16—Decided spot
 - 17—Senior
 - 18—Do business
 - 19—Gay (obsolete)
 - 20—Recreation
 - 21—Sowing (obsolete)
 - 22—Confederate soldier (Union slang)
 - 23—Poly trichion
 - 24—Wearing Scotch kilt
 - 25—Hard game
 - 26—American patriot
 - 27—Wind instrument
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
- 1—Printer's unit
 - 2—Algebraic letter
 - 3—French protectorate in Asia
 - 4—Weighted for tare
 - 5—Aquatic mammal
 - 6—Smoking badly
 - 7—Lord (abbr.)
 - 8—Orlando (abbr.)
 - 9—One who stages
 - 10—Various
 - 11—Terror
 - 12—Genus of fungi
 - 13—Throws back
 - 14—Lawyers argument
 - 15—Dum
 - 16—Italian 13th century political faction
 - 17—Small portion
 - 18—Mines
 - 19—Compass point
 - 20—Denial



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Another instalment from the no shrapnel. Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o' char 'ere; cup o' char there. But now, blimey, you notice the taste of a nice cup o' char. I could do with one now."

"Ah," says the Man from Yorkshire. "And take beds."

"When I first come," says the Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one look at my bed and said, 'Hell, Three boards, and a donkey's breakfast. But now! Well, the other day I got a different mattress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

"Why, you —" says the Lad from the Elephant; and uses bad words.

"—I swiped yours, and then when I came to lie down on it I couldn't sleep. There was an extra couple of straws in it, it was too soft!"

"It only goes to show," says the Man from Yorkshire.

Silence, except for the guns. "Sell me half of your bar o' chocolate," says the Bedfordshire Boy.

"No, but I'll give 'ee a bit," says the Man from Yorkshire.

"No, no, that's all right."

"Go on, tak it, lad, tak it."

This is the usual procedure with chocolate.

"Take tea," said the Lad from the Elephant and Castle.

"Why, back in Clivvy Street, you drunk so much tea you got so with chocolate."

I look for a more comfortable bit of mud to lean against. Old Silence says: "It's funny."

"What's funny?"

"The way you got accustomed to things. Three months ago most of us would have yelled blue murder if we were asked to sit on a wet chair. Now, look at us—sitting in puddles, and glad of the chance . . ."

"It makes you realise the importance of everyday things," I say.

Old Silence replies: "You're right. Take things like air and daylight. I was coming along in the train when a warning went. The blinds were pulled down."

"Ten miles on, the All Clear sounded, and the blinds went up. I never saw so much daylight taken in a little bit of ordinary daylight, and a few breaths of not very fresh air."

"Take tea," said the Lad from the Elephant and Castle.

"Why, back in Clivvy Street, you drunk so much tea you got so with chocolate."

I drank the whisky and soda first.

I remember one amusing incident as I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven came over to me with cigarettes, and he said: "Good luck, sir. When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of Anglo-American relations is one of the most satisfactory features attendant upon the war in Europe. In its political phase this friendship means of course, that our eventual victory is certain, whereas before the odds were quite heavily against us.

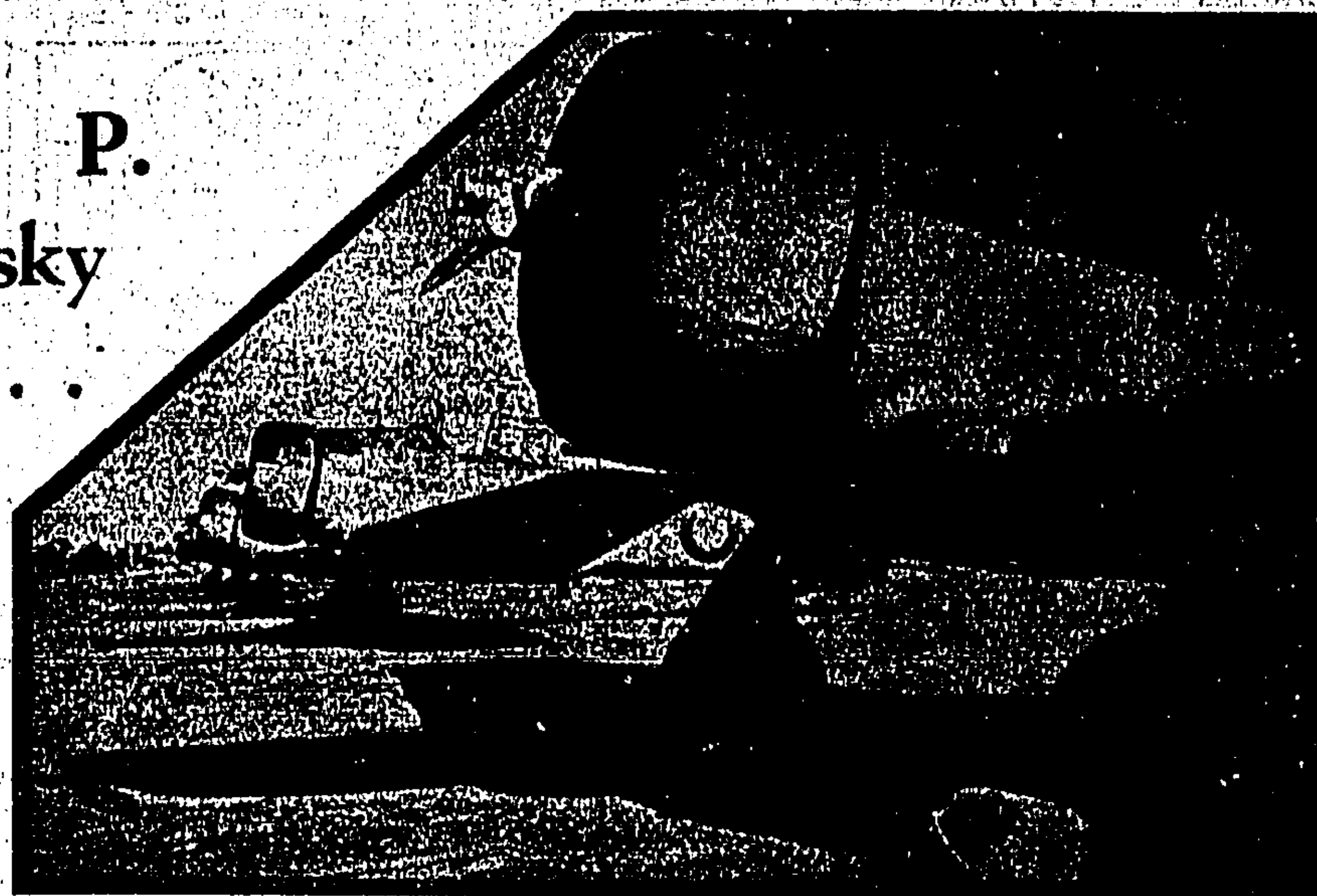
A talk with well informed Americans recently, elicited the fact, which characteristically never fails to surprise the Englishman, that he personally was in very bad odour with his American cousin. In fact the weight of prejudice against him was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience sufficiently to lead on to the use America can make of these "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devices means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

The history books on both sides of the Atlantic have been the most potent sources of Anglo-American friction because they blatantly misled school-children as to the course of history and played up their national triumphs to the derogation of other countries. To that vast bulk of people who never learnt more history than was crammed into them at school, such text books undoubtedly raised a fog of confusion and lies which remained all their lives.

In America there are more European minorities than in any other country and most of them can recall through their mother countries many reasons for disliking Britain. It was Britain who thwarted Dutch dreams of Empire, smashed Kaiser Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanctions on Italy, engineered the

**Major
Alexander P.
De Seversky**
says...

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted aeroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding aviator of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterranean, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



WHO MASTERS THE AIR MASTERS THE MEDITERRANEAN

In the past any discussion of the control of the Mediterranean area revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world.

Little mention, for instance, was made of Crete in the past. Yet to-day that island, to the southeast of Greece, seems destined to be the pivotal point in the great struggle for Mediterranean mastery. That is where the decisive air battles of the campaign are shaping up. One look at the map discloses how Crete, heretofore an inconspicuous island, viewed to-day through the glasses of air power, becomes the logical commanding centre of the entire eastern half of the Mediterranean.

Therefore, the ability of the British, with the support of local Greek forces, to hold the island of Crete is thus emerging as the critical question in the Mediterranean enigma. Having occupied the island, the problem of the British now is to hold it against the air offensive that is unquestionably being prepared by the enemy.

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

The occupation of Crete gives the British distinct immediate advantages. The success which the British and Greek forces have scored against Italy to date prompt observers to label the Italian undertaking a "great mistake."

The fact, of course, is that Italy was led to act in Greece, just as Germany had to act in Norway, by the logic of their larger plans.

Both enterprises were necessary "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the only counter-weapon they possess, namely their air power. In Scandinavia their task was to

attack on the new Soviet, split the Irish and so on. The only anti-British propaganda that can have much force just now is that of the Axis minorities and the Dies Committee has done much to quash them.

For the rest we shall let the voice of the working man speak to his opposite number across the oceans and let them with uncultivated tongues, speaking from the forge and factory where they work long hours uncomplainingly to arm democracy against the Axis, tell each other Anglo-American friendship will be of sterner stuff in future. That relationship must be part of Mr. Churchill's "new order" in Europe.

encircle the British Isles, and in Greece it is to encircle the Suez region.

Axis control of Crete as an aviation stronghold would make the Eastern Mediterranean too dangerous for the British fleet. That is the sense in which Crete has become the strategic key to the Mediterranean under modern conditions of air power, just as the strategic naval bases were keys to their particular areas under conditions of sea power.

THE LESSON OF NORWAY

We must assume, however, that the British high command has profited from the experience of the Norwegian reverses. It knows that to control Crete it must prevent establishment of air force into play against nearby airbases in southern Greece for Axis operations. More important, it has learned the crucial lesson that it cannot rely on its fleet air arm (the carrier-based aviation) against land-based enemy aircraft. Unless Britain can meet the combined Italian and German air threat with its own air power, it will be merely a question of time before the fleet must retire as it did in the North Sea.

Last April the Germans had determined to deny the British the use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursue attacks because they lack defensive armament. Even more important, Mussolini's pursuit fighters to convey his bombers effectively. Hitler must therefore make up the difference by contributing enough Messerschmitts and other fighters to give the Axis a well-balanced air weapon.

In the Mediterranean, the Italians have been confronted with a parallel problem. The superior British fleet was free to move in neutral but friendly Greek waters. This interfered seriously with Italy's life lines to Libya and to the Dodecanese Islands. The Fascist overland campaign against Egypt was bogged down because of British harassment of the supply lines across the Mediterranean. It therefore became essential, at almost any price, to bring Axis air force into play against British sea power.

The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies and establish new aerodromes. That is why there was an interval of more than a month between the occupation of Norwegian coastal points by the British and their expulsion by Nazi air attack.

Another such time interval is just as unavoidable before the combined German-Italian aviation can go after Crete. Italian aviation could not manage this alone. We may take it for granted that Mussolini is merely clearing the ground for the collaboration of German aviation. The Italian bombers—such as the Piaggio, the Caproni and the Savoia-Marchetti—have a long reach

AXIS AIR POWER

Barring None

By Burck



"We could skate over—if it would get cold enough to freeze the Channel."
(In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautic science. We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval superiority in the Mediterranean will be as irrelevant as it proved to be in the Norwegian campaign. The air factor will tell the story. Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Churchill can divert air forces from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean position. In that sense the battle of Britain complements the Greek campaign. That is the chief reason, in fact, why Hitler must keep up his attack on the British Isles. (Copyright 1940 by United Press.)

Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter called from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 60 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and wood-work were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

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Japanese Envoy To Nanking

Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Nanking, Mr. Kumataro Honda, arrived this afternoon en route to his new post.

He said that since the preliminary work in the adjustment of relations between Japan and China had already been done with the successful conclusion of a basic treaty between the two countries on November 30, his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japanese and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact. The 60-year-old Ambassador emphasised that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted with the leaders of the National Government at Nanking. "I shall do my utmost to discharge my duties to the mutual benefit of both Japan and China," he said. "After settling down in Nanking I may tour North China and may return to Tokyo for a visit and to report on conditions and my impressions in China."

Belgians Called To Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Charles Hilleart.

His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 16 and 35 will be accepted. The announcement says: "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies. Belgians in countries not occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

Lifeboat Mystery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Vello, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000-ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

Free China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

More than 600 government officials and military leaders held a meeting at the National Government Headquarters in Chungking under the chairmanship of President Lin Sen.

General Pui Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, delivered the principal speech in which he exhorted the Chinese to stronger solidarity and to continue the present war of resistance, and national reconstruction under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against any activity that may jeopardise the

SPANISH FEELING

Xmas Truce Peace Symptom

MADRID, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Pope's appeal for peace has found a ready echo in Spain.

Formerly a rather fiery newspaper, the "Arriba," official organ of the State Party, to-day has a leader expressing great satisfaction at the virtual Christmas "truce," the fact that on Christmas Day there was no air activity over either Germany or England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers.

Consistent Status
The "Arriba" expresses the hope that this may be a symptom of the possibility of peace and says: "Spain to-day as when General Franco on the first day of a war, examined the conflict, continues unwaveringly in her position."

As a matter of fact in the speech referred to by "Arriba," General Franco ordered Spaniards to observe the strictest neutrality but, following Italy's entry into the war, Spain became non-belligerent.

Tokyo Bay Fortress

New Commander

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—The War Office announces that Major-General Tsunetoshi Kobayashi has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Tokyo Bay Fortress succeeding Major-General Sadachi Shioda who died recently.

Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was the commandant of an unspecified corps at the time of the Nomonhan incident and lost his left leg. He has since recuperated from the wound.

Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Mr. Gichi Masuda has been named Chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, while Mr. Shigeo Mishimura has been named Chairman of the accounts Committee. Messrs. Tomomasa Kato, Sanetaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsui have been nominated Chairmen of the Appeals, Disciplinary and Proprietary Committees, respectively.

At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr. Masochi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr. Kiroku Oguchi will present the resolution candeloning over the war dead.

Soviets Capture Spy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardman captured an alleged spy who had entered Soviet-Russia from one of the Baltic States, and belongs to the intelligence service of a foreign Power. The paper stated that the spy entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked.

U.S. AID AVALANCHE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—If we can hold on during 1941, what the United States can produce gives us the certainty of ultimate victory, said Sir Walter Layton shortly after his return to Britain from a tour of America. That aid will become a positive avalanche and will reach its climax next winter and in the spring of 1942.



BLIZZARD VICTIMS.—It looked like a grand day for duck hunting when 18 men started out near Red Wing, Minn. But soon a blizzard roared out of the north and the men all were frozen to death. Here is how rescue party found two of the bodies. Nearly 150 died in Midwest storm.

Successful Empire Air Scheme: Second Contingent In Canada

The arrival of the second contingent of Australian airmen in Canada emphasises the fact that the Empire Air Scheme has now become a feature of the war in the air.

"Although this is not the first draft of trainees under the Empire Air Scheme, this parade is of special importance because this is the first time a comprehensive draft, made up of pilots and air gunners from the R.A.A.F. is leaving Australia under the Scheme," the Governor of New South Wales (Lord Wakehurst) told the airmen in a farewell address.

"You go to continue your training in another part of the Empire. It is a mark of the immense value of the Empire Air Scheme that this training, unlike that in England, can be carried on far from interruption by events in the actual war zone," Lord Wakehurst said. "You will realise how important this is in ensuring that your training will be complete and up to schedule when you reach the scene of action."

"Your arrival abroad will be visible proof to other parts of the Empire that the Scheme is working and that reinforcements are coming forward in a steady stream to relieve those members of the R.A.A.F. who have carried the burden so magnificently for more than twelve months."

"Each of you leaves this country as the representative of Australia and of the R.A.A.F. You must not forget the standard of teaching in Australia will be judged by your proficiency and that the reputation of the Service depends on your bearing, your smartness and your discipline. The good name of the R.A.A.F. is now in your hands. When you arrive, say little but keep your eyes and ears open. Remember you will be watched keenly and critically by your friends from other parts of the Empire. You must win their respect."

"Beware of over-confidence, the airmen's worst enemy, and remember that just when things seem easy and going well is the moment when something happens. Never leave anything to chance. Always give that extra little bit of attention to your task and your equipment which makes the difference between doubt and certainty."

Advance Guard

"Yours is a service which leaves much to the individual. When you meet the enemy you will beat him because you are better men, and because you have made the best of your training and your equipment."

"You are the advance guard of thousands who are getting ready to follow. Everyone of your fellow members of the R.A.A.F. would like to be going with you."

The finest types of young Australian manhood, from all walks of life, made up the contingent, which included a station manager, a station over-seer, a chartered accountant, five bank clerks, medical students, a solicitor, a motor business manager, a female news reader, several university students, and a mechanical engineer.

A Drummer Boy

The youngest who had charge of the work of the contingent during the voyage to Canada served for three years in the Grenadier Guards as a drummer boy.

For the first time in the war, a medical officer, a nurse and a nursing orderly sailed with Australian airmen. Even the medical officer has been trained to fly, a procedure adopted recently by the R.A.A.F. but one which has been in operation in the R.A.F. for some years.

Although only 21 years of age, a member of the contingent was a station manager when he enlisted. At 18 he was in charge of a station running 6,000 head of cattle near Charters Towers, Queensland. "My father, brother and I had three stations between us," he said. "I learned to fly in the commercial 'hands-on' with the Royal Queensland Aero Club."

Happy Reunion

Just before sailing day there was joy among the contingent over the last-minute reunion of two close comrades—a New Zealander and an Australian. They enlisted together in Brisbane and their friendships was made a conspicuous by the fact that the Australian was 6 ft. 6½ in. tall.

They were parted because of service conferences, but unexpectedly the Australian re-joined the contingent before his New Zealand comrade returned from final leave. He was welcomed in final leave, and his friends were in rags and coats on the parade ground.

When the New Zealander, the son of a War Cabinet Minister in the last

Law Courts Defy Air Raids

Plans made at the beginning of the war to evacuate the Law Courts if air raids on London became intense have been dropped. The work is carried on during alerts in reinforced jury rooms below the courts, where judges and barristers sit at plain tables near witnesses and litigants.

If the evacuation plans had been put into operation grave dislocation of the machinery of the courts would have been caused.

Most barristers are relieved at the decision to stay in London. They have their chambers in easy reach of the Law Courts, and a move would cause them great inconvenience.

Banks to Keep Open

The Committee of London Clearing Bankers decided to keep banks open for the transaction of urgent business during air-raid warnings. If it becomes necessary for the staff to take cover during a period of imminent local danger, banking services will still be provided and the doors of the banking premises will not be locked, though they may be closed.

There may be cases and occasions, however, where offices cannot be opened to the public.

Vital Records

In explaining these arrangements Mr. Charles Dildbury, chief general manager of the Westminster Bank, emphasised that to safeguard vital current records, it will remain necessary for a large proportion of the staff to take these records to a place of safety when the alert is sounded.

At many small branches, however, there are no underground strong rooms, and on occasions the branches will be temporarily closed during raids.

Press Must Not Be Stifled

M.P.'s Declaration

Capt. A. M. Lyons, K.C., M.P. for East Leicester, said at Leicester recently that he would oppose any attempt to stifle the free British Press from whatever source the attempt might come.

A free Press, a free and constant Parliament, freedom of thought and expression, a ready, incorruptible administration of justice, formed the foundation of which British liberty so firmly stood.

"No Ministry of Information and no bureaucratic institution," he said, "must be allowed to control the free, fair criticism by which the Press of Britain forms a guide and safety valve for all forms of free opinion of a free people."

How Diplomats Are Chosen

Selection and examination of candidates for the British Diplomatic Service has followed well-defined tradition for many years, writes a correspondent.

This service is recruited from an exclusive selection of candidates, whose qualification for the entrance examination is carefully decided by a Selection Board appointed by the Foreign Secretary. This board takes into account education, health, general appearance and presence, and family background.

Open competition does not exist, but the preliminary process of selection has been gradually widened of recent years. At one time Eton had a virtual monopoly. Now recruitment is made from other great public schools, such as Harrow, Winchester, Rugby and Charterhouse.

Private Income

Until a short while ago one condition of entry was the possession of a private income of £400 a year. Theoretically a council schoolboy could now enter the service, but there is no record of this having been done.

The combination of interview by a Selection Board and a competitive

Health Is Important

The examination itself is similar to that required for the general Civil Service. French, German and one other language are demanded, and high marks are given for original essays and general intelligence as shown at a private interview.

Apart from the candidate's intelligence and general fitness for the job, his health plays an important part in the minds of the Board. He may have to live in fever-infested tropics or in a rarefied atmosphere 10,000ft above sea level.



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Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men:

A. V. Gosano Injured
Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

The game was fast and what science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese were a diminutive lot, and what they lacked in size was made up by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there was not the same understanding as was evinced in the English side. Playing with only four forwards during the greater part of the game, T. Alves should have been more on the alert and his weak clearances were a source of relief to the English defence when they were on the attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should have parted with the ball earlier on many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forgo for the ball way back in the defence and then bring up same for the other forwards to threaten the English goal. H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with danger.

Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedios, A. Gosano, and J. M. Marques. In goal, defended by C. F. Remedios, A. Gosano, and J. M. Marques. In goal, defended by C. F. Remedios, A. Gosano, and J. M. Marques. In goal, defended by C. F. Remedios, A. Gosano, and J. M. Marques.

Steady Trio

The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half back trio that was the mainstay of their display, for although being worried they were never flustered, and always came off with the better end. Pope, Bright and Britt were

always there when wanted, and Pope's marking of T. Alves in particular had this Portuguese player well bottled-up. Bright went about his work with calm assurance and was way up in aiding the attack. Britt was none too steady against Campos, but nevertheless he was the means of stopping several dangerous raids. Roughley and Freshwater partnered each other well, their first time tackling and clearances were very effective.

In the forward line, Fox playing at outside right found himself in a strange position, and although he did not send across many useful centres, his partnership with Le Page had the Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. The former player had good understanding with his other men. Hendy scored the "hat-trick" and his distributions and footwork delighted the English supporters. The same could be said of Saw. Blackford was the better of the two wingers, sending across many centres although he found in Maxwell a thorn to his doings. As stated, Robinson did all that was required of him.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both sides were visited in turn, and after fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long after, Campos when going through on his own missed an open goal, having only Robinson to beat.

Returning to the attack, the English team secured the lead, when from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right foot drive that had Marques diving. Playing still with ten men, Portugal retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equaliser, as from a shot taken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the English players doing most of the attacking, Hendy when in possession, served and evaded two players to place the ball into the corner of the net.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Portuguese went about their work with a will, and from one of their sporadic raids, Campos went through

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Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Results of rugby matches played to-day were:

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|----------------|-------------------|---|
| Cardiff | 16 Welsh XV | 0 |
| Goucester | 20 Army XV | 3 |
| Home Counties | Rest of England | 3 |
| Public Schools | 14 Public Schools | 3 |

Golf

Bogey Pool At Sheungshui

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Country Club, Sheungshui, yesterday, finishing with a score all square.

K. T. Oei, two down, was second.

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—India began a three-day match against Ceylon to-day. Batting first, India made 221, of which C. K. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 96.

At the end of the third day of the pentangular cricket tournament at Bombay, the Moslems had made 381 (Mustique All 110) and two for 16. The Rest had made 202 and 223 (Amie Lahl seven for 104). The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last moment on political grounds.

Softball Contributes To "Bomber Fund"

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund was collected yesterday at Kowloon Football Club where the Greybeards subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was in the nightcap in which the lasses battled with the Kowloon Kops, but it was generally agreed that a big time was had. Chankette Delaney was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no casualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at Sookampoo on Sunday, starting at 11 o'clock:

L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and A. Zimmermann.

to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incessant attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy completed his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following up B. Gosano's miskick he scored from close in.

PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. F. Remedios, D. Alves; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, J. J. Pereira; H. Campos, C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, T. Alves.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, Le Page, Hendy, Saw, Blackford.

Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson

Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

Richardson and Knight opened and the latter at 17 had the misfortune to be yorked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, however, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

The 100 was hoisted in an hour and Richardson completed his 60 at the same time. When Ride was at 36 he should have been caught at deep mid-wicket off Alec Pearce.

So all went merrily until at 123, when 100 runs had been added, Ride was l.b.w. He had scored a nice 44.

Dicky's Century

AFTER this interest chiefly centred in whether Richardson would get his century before lunch. He hit like a kicking horse, and soon put all doubts at rest. His hundred took him only 80 minutes. After that the fun began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were put down, and it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced the game excellently.

With 226 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 and Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alec Pearce, who took the ball right-handed level with his shoulder—242-3-144.

Owen Hughes came in and still runs came. At 270 Perry hit out at backward point (call it gully if you will) for a nice innings of two short of his half-century, 270-4-48. Club went on and runs still came, but mostly in singles. The Wanderers' fielding improved, but they could get no more wickets and Club declared at 308 for 2 singles. Owen Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet 20 not out.

The Wanderers

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but I was told I might call it the Wanderers.

J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose opened the batting and Knight bowled at the Yard end. Pearce took a four through the slips. Owen Hughes bowled at the other end. He bowled John Pearce and Grose started to settle down.

To send the 40 up Grose hit a couple of beautiful off-drives to the pavilion. It was an expensive over—four fours and two singles.

Bowling Change

LLOYD then went on vice Owen Hughes, while McLellan relieved Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. in his first over, but it was a red-hot drive and went through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy owner.

At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip Dewar—a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down to play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alec Pearce skied one behind second slip and Owen Hughes just got to it but the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold it.

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second slip.

Just after, Grose, who was playing very nicely, completed his 50. His hooking on off-batters was delightful, and both feet were almost outside the off-stump.

Tea

AT 130 tea was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even if the tea interval cannot be cut out it should be reduced to a minimum. As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

Grose hooked Perry very strongly to the mid-wicket boundary and Kilbee dashed along and held an excellent catch—142-2-72.

Grose had played a pretty forcing innings. The only chance I saw was the drive that hit McLellan in his tummy.

Pearce completed his 50 and was immediately after dropped at mid-on. The box was doing well. But it availed him little. He played

on one from Knight and the ball shot on to his wicket. 140-3-52.

Bowling Change

I DON'T quite understand why Perry was taken off after bowling two overs and getting Grose out and Alec Pearce dropped. Presumably Owen-Hughes' idea was to get a left hander on to the new batsmen.

Knight tired a bit, and Coombes hit him for four 4's in one over—it should have been five 4's, but on the other hand the one through the slips should have been taken by first slip.

Next over, Swyre let out a well-placed one from Owen-Hughes, and was well caught low down at mid-off 182-4-5.

Without addition to the score, Freeman was bowled. The hutch seemed open.

Cricket grew dull, except when Coombes hooked McLellan for four. He shapes like a useful bat, but I do not recall having seen him before.

Head on-drove Owen-Hughes out of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was bowled. 208-6-12.

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on stoutly and completed his 50, of which ten shots were boundaries.

At 125, Dewar was bowled by McLellan 225-7-1.

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-Hughes, and Coombes welcomed him by cracking him to the square-leg boundary and then on-driving him for two. Then he put him behind square leg for another four, and straight drove him for 6. It seems to me that Coombes is a considerable acquisition to Hongkong cricket.

Owen Hughes Again

OWEN HUGHES then relieved McLellan at the Yard end, but his first over was a maiden. Coombes hit Lloyd about pretty freely to send up the 250; and stumps were drawn with 253 on the board—Coombes 77 not out and Peal 2 not out.

Coombes had played a most excellent fighting innings, hitting powerfully.

It was an excellent game with the batsmen on top. There were a lot of catches dropped, and no one was outstanding with the ball.

I thought Perry might have been used more, and I am not sure I should not have tried Richardson or Ride on Coombes early on. It might have worked, but then it might not.

I understand that there will be a sort of replay as far as possible on New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride will captain the Club side in the absence of Harry Owen-Hughes. I hope to report it.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB
J. E. Richardson, c and b T. Pearce 144
T. G. Knight, b Head 44
A. E. Pearce, c Kilbee, b Coombes 48
A. E. Perry, c J. Pearce b Dewar 48
D. I. Bosanquet, not out 20
D. I. Bosanquet, not out 20
Extras (11 2; LB 1; WB 2) 10

Four (declared) for 308
R. H. Grimith, D. McLellan, L. D. Dewar, N. D. Lloyd, G. J. P. Carey did not bat

| Bowling Analysis | |
|---|-------------|
| Head | O. M. R. W. |
| Finnle | 4 0 25 1 |
| Kilbee | 4 0 14 0 |
| J. Pearce | 2 0 16 0 |
| T. Pearce | 10 0 97 1 |
| Coombes | 5 0 29 1 |
| Swyre | 3 0 26 0 |
| Head bowled four wickets and Swyre Finnle and Dewar bowled a no-ball. | |

| THE WANDERERS | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| D. C. E. Grose, c Kilbee b Perry 73 | |
| J. L. C. Pearce, c Owen-Hughes 42 | |
| T. A. Pearce, b Knight 44 | |
| L. Freeman, b Owen-Hughes 11 | |
| Hughes | 8 |
| A. H. Coombes, not out 77 | |
| J. Head, b Owen-Hughes 12 | |
| A. J. Dewar, b McLellan 11 | |
| W. Peal, not out 2 | |
| Extras (11 2; LB 1; WB 2) 20 | |

Seven for 308
W. G. Finnle and D. I. Bosanquet did not bat

| Bowling Analysis | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Knight | O. M. R. W. |
| Owen-Hughes | 10 0 48 1 |
| Lloyd | 2 0 63 4 |
| McLellan | 10 4 43 1 |
| Perry | 3 0 16 1 |
| Lloyd bowled two no-balls. | |

Home Football Results

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Results of football matches played in Scotland last Saturday were:

| | | | |
|--------------|---|------------|---|
| Athlon | 2 | Hibernian | 2 |
| Third Lanark | 2 | Partick | 2 |
| Morton | 1 | Motherwell | 1 |
| Queen's Park | 0 | St. Mirren | 0 |
| Rangers | 0 | St. Mirren | 0 |

YMAS DAY MATCHES IN ENGLAND

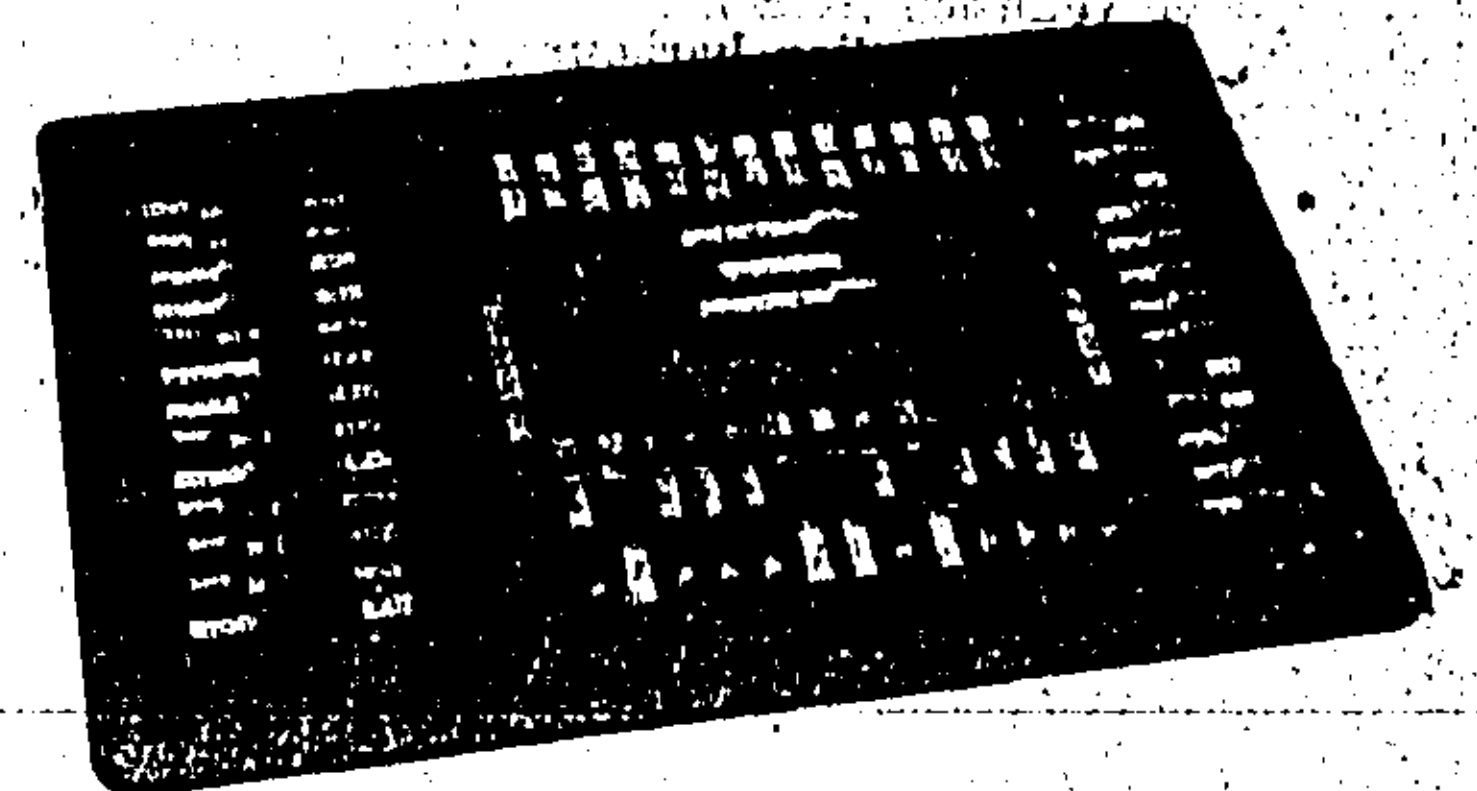
The following were further results of matches played in England yesterday:

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| Burnley | 2 | Manchester C | 2 |
| Stockport | 1 | Manchester U | 2 |

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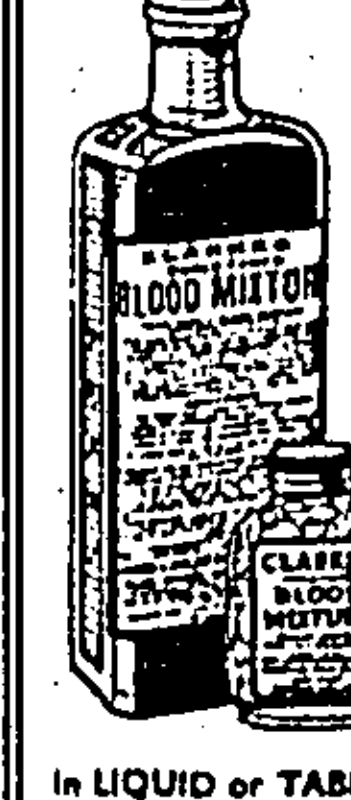
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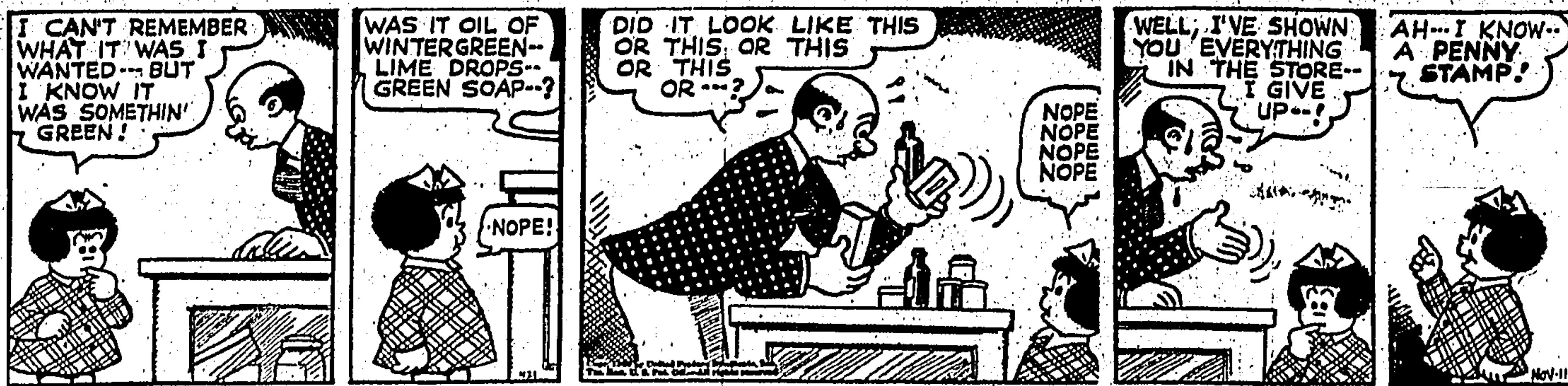
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Married In America On Xmas Day

Miss Tong Mei-ii, second daughter of Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity in Chungking, and Mrs. Tong, was married to Mr. Chen Yih in the United States on Christmas Day, according to a cablegram received by their friends here. The couple will remain in the States for some time.

Both bride and bridegroom are graduates of the Missouri School of Journalism, from which the latter has also obtained a Master's degree. The bride holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Kansas University.

The bridegroom's father is Mr. Chen Ching-han, former editor-in-chief of the Shun Pao, a well-known Chinese vernacular paper in Shanghai, and at present manager of the Chung Shing Coal Mining Company.

Latest Donations To War Fund

A total of \$1,516,700.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd. with the following donations:

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| Anonymous | 500 |
| "Starko" | 25 |
| "Shoong" | 50 |
| Mr. Ho Kom Tong, the Chairman, announces that the Flower Day organised by the Hongkong Chinese Relief Association realised the net sum of \$3,200, which has been distributed as follows: | |
| British War Organisation Fund | \$750 |
| British Fund for Relief of Distress | 750 |
| H.K. Anti-Tuberculosis Association | 500 |
| Lady Pollock's Food Kitchens | 300 |
| Home for the Aged (Sisters of the Poor) | 300 |
| St. Louis Industrial School | 300 |
| Society for the Protection of Children | 300 |
| St. John Ambulance | 200 |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul | 200 |
| H.K. Boys and Girls Clubs Association | 200 |

Seamen Entertained At Sailors' Home

About 85 seafaring men from the Royal Navy and Merchant Service, with about 20 Sea Scouts, were entertained by the Sailors' Home to the usual dinner on Christmas Day when Rev. Cyril Brower, assisted by the Institute's Manager, Mr. W. V. Field, presided.

There was the usual Christmas tree from which every man present received a gift. After dinner the party visited merchant seamen in the various hospitals and distributed presents.

The Institute's annual Christmas season dance will be held to-night at 9 o'clock. The Royal Scots Band will attend. All seafaring men in the Colony are invited.



WATCH SAVED HIM—During an air raid over England, a piece of shrapnel went in there, but didn't hurt J. A. Smith of Rotherhithe. His watch deflected it. Smaller piece stuck in him, so hot that he dropped it when he pulled it out.

Italian and American Sailors In Brawl

Shanghai, Dec. 25. Scores of American and Italian Marines and sailors were injured last night in a battle at the Royal Majestic Cabaret. Chairs, bottles and tables flew, damaging sections of the cabaret. It is understood that the fight developed from a minor argument in which the Americans ridiculed the Italians.

It stopped when officers arrived after 20 minutes of wild swinging. The Post and Mercury states that an Italian warrant officer died of injuries. He pulled a gun in an apparent effort to fire it to stop the fighting but an American sailor threw him from the ballroom down a flight of stairs, causing head injuries.

It is said that during the brawl an Italian sailor threw a cabaret girl through a bass drum and an American pushed the sailor's head up and down the piano keyboard.

Italian naval officers denied that the warrant officer had died. "The warrant officer was badly cut but only injured our men suffered were abrasions on the outer part of the hands. Our men are light drinkers and heavy fighters," they declared.

However, it is understood that seven Italians were badly cut by flying glass when the marines threw at least four Italians through the closed windows. The Italians fell against the verandah railing instead of into the street.

The Post and Mercury stated that 25 Americans and Italians had been admitted to hospital. United Press.

Domei declares the brawl is understood to have started with a violent argument between an Italian sailor and a United States sailor. The two parted but when the American returned, four Italians jumped on him, precipitating the free-for-all. Chairs, tables, bottles, and glasses were thrown during a 20-minute battle which the marine, Italian and shore police were unable to stop and which came to an end only after the appearance of Italian and American officers.

The Evening Post declares that Italian officers yesterday called on

the Fourth Marine's Headquarters, apologised for the incident and offered to pay all damages. The ballroom is reported to have sustained a loss of \$5,000 in unpaid bills as well as \$2,000 damage to furnishings.

Reuter declares that nine American marines and three seamen have been sent to hospital. The Italian casualties are unknown but several are said to be seriously hurt. The brawl followed an argument over the use of a table. Sikhs of the Settlement Police intervened and assisted the Americans. The clash has been settled amicably and no repercussions are expected.

Indian Stowaway In Court

Shin A Pan, 34, of Madras, India, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour for stowing away from Shanghai to Hongkong aboard a British steamer and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong for entering the Colony without a valid passport by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Det-Sergeant Hill said that defendant was found on board the ship after it had left Shanghai. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely "broken" and had been formerly employed as an elephant trainer in a circus. Defendant was trying to return to India.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. to-day, in the Urban Council Chamber, with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the Chair. Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hongkong in 1940". All members of the British Medical Association are cordially invited to be present.

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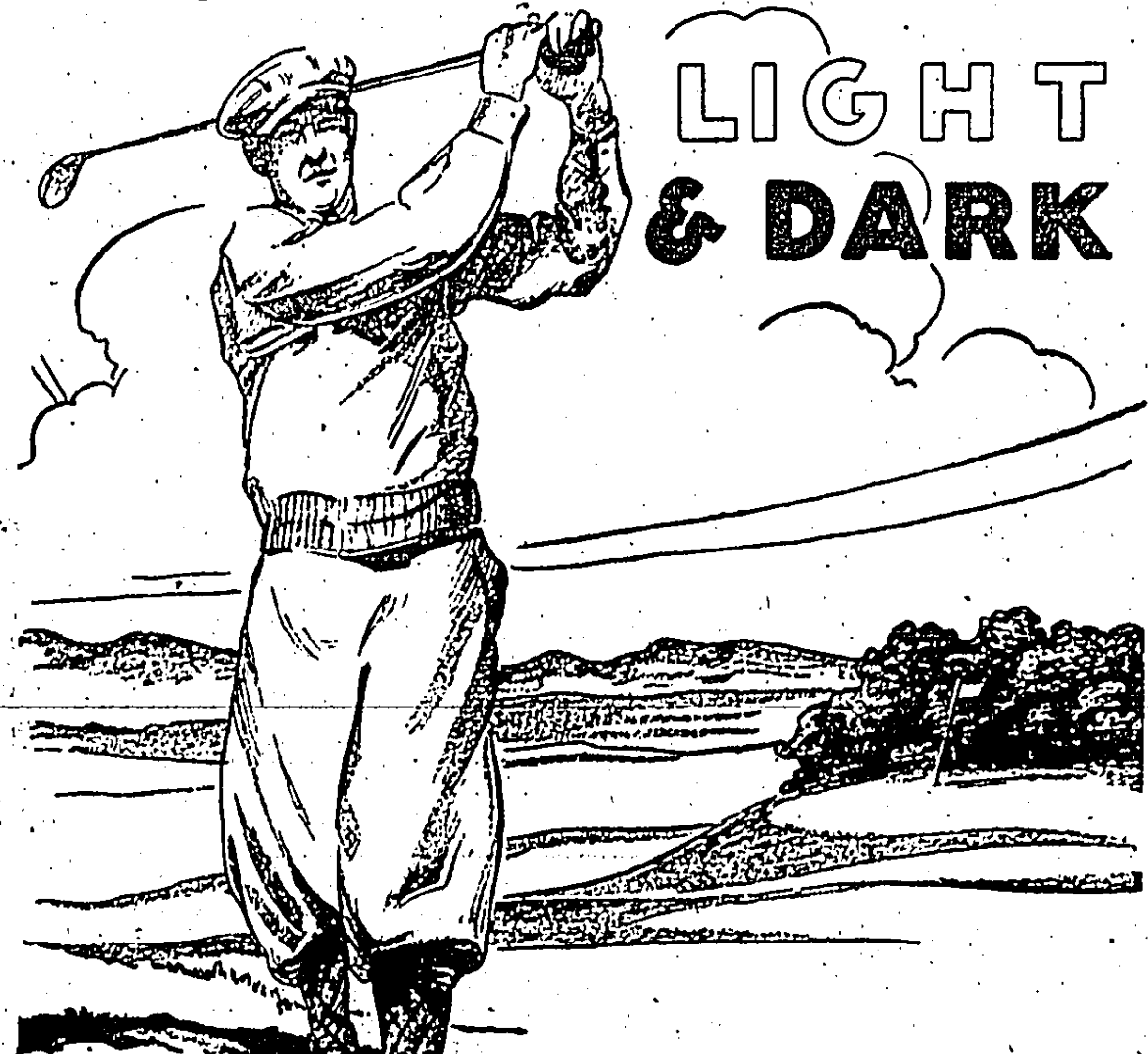
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Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871.

Poor Visibility
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Italer).—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce." "Reuter's" air correspondent is informed. It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raiders is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have been able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the season of peace.

Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

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Turkey and remain aloof from any direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania are estimated to range between ten and thirty divisions but it is admitted that this is purely guess work. Many trains are crossing the country carrying mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories as it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

Has Much To Gain
Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here.

It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time away. Mosul and Daku, would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult.

LATE NEWS



NOT NEEDED—With continued raids over England by Nazis, historic lamp posts are removed from the vicinity of Westminster Hall, London. They're not needed during blackouts. Big Ben is at right.

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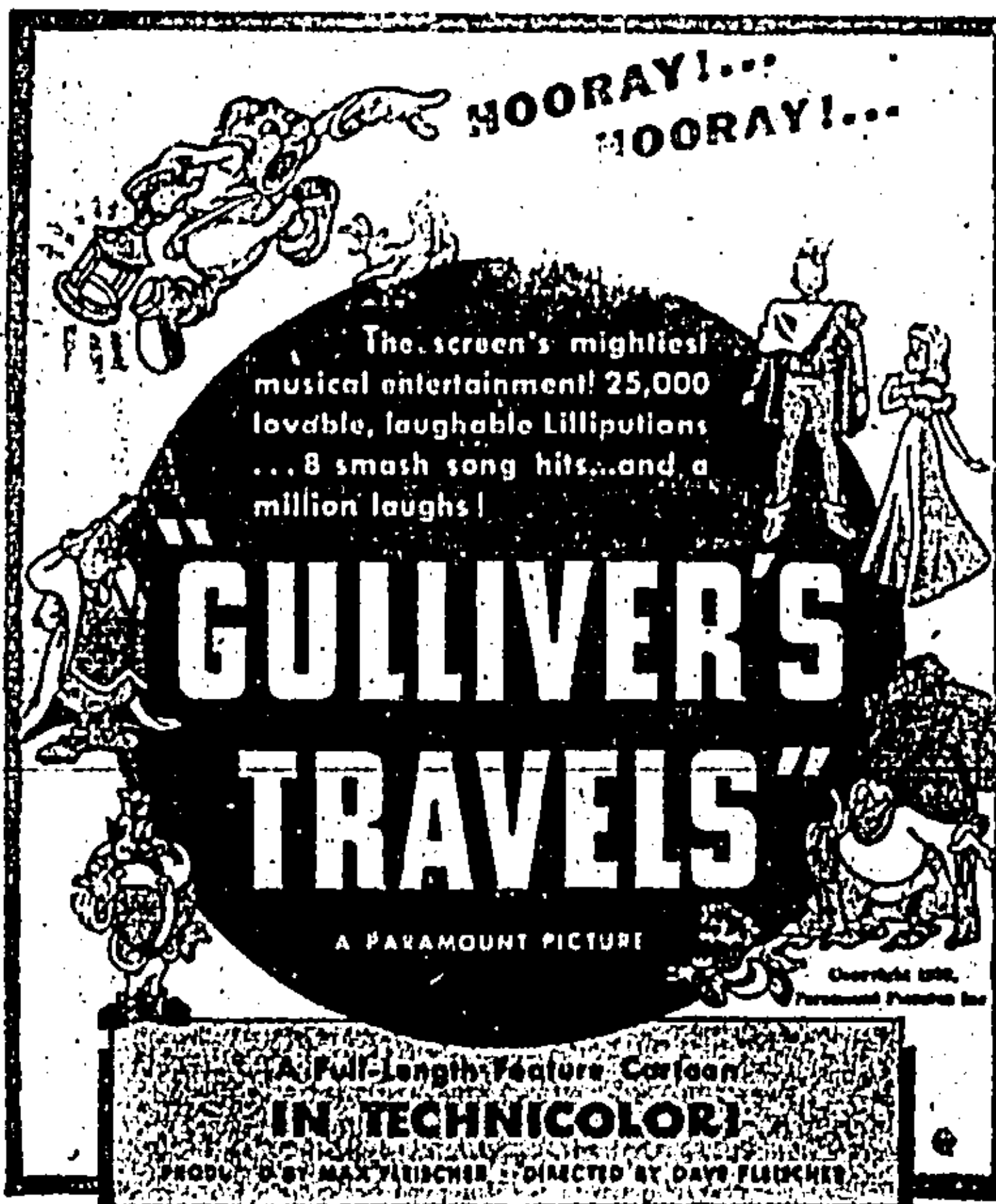
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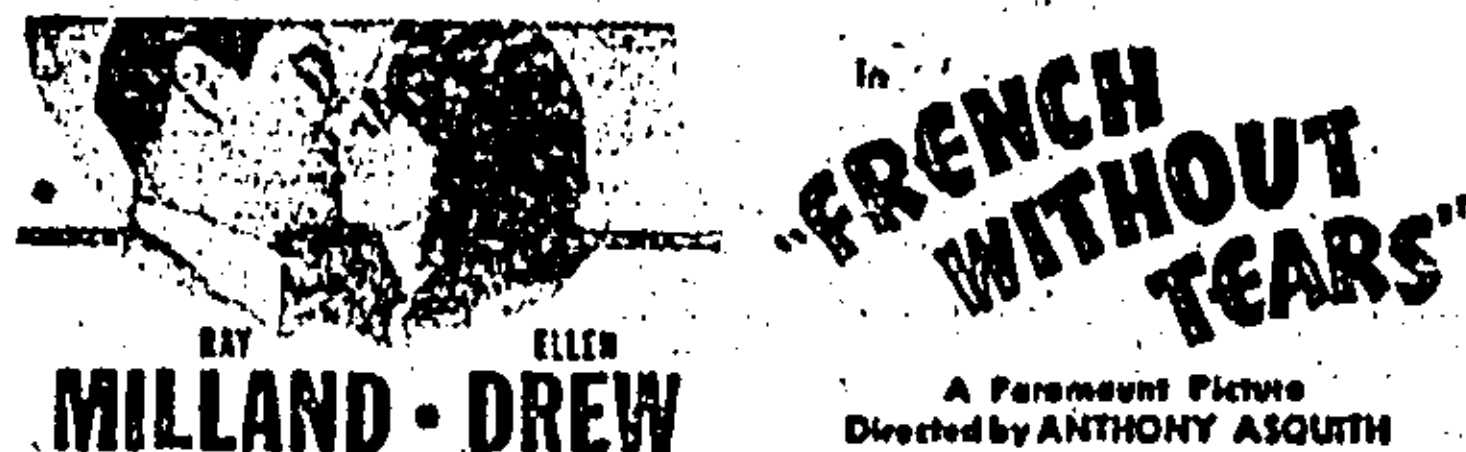
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If the evacuation plans had been put into operation grave dislocation of the machinery of the courts would have been caused.

Most barristers are relieved at the decision to stay in London. They have their chambers in easy reach of the Law Courts, and a move would cause them great inconvenience.

Banks to Keep Open
The Committee of London Clearing Bankers decided to keep banks open for the transaction of urgent business during air-raid warnings. If it becomes necessary for the staff to take cover during a period of imminent local danger, banking services will still be provided and the doors of the banking premises will not be locked, though they may be closed.

There may be cases and occasions, however, where offices cannot be opened to the public.

Vital Records
In explaining these arrangements Mr Charles Diddbury, chief general manager of the Westminster Bank, emphasised that to safeguard vital current records, it will remain necessary for a large proportion of the staff to take these records to a place of safety when the alert is sounded. At many small branches, however, there are no underground strong rooms, and on occasions the branches will be temporarily closed during raids.

Press Must Not Be Stifled

M.P.'s Declaration

Capt. A. M. Lyons, K.C., M.P. for East Leicester, said at Leicester recently that he would oppose any attempt to stifle the free British Press from whatever source the attempt might come. A free Press, a free and constant expression, a ready, incorruptible administration of justice, formed the foundation on which British liberty so firmly stood.

"No Ministry of Information and no bureaucratic institution," he said, "must be allowed to control the free, fair criticism by which the Press of Britain forms a guide and safety valve for all forms of free opinion of a free people."

EVACUATION MEETING

The Evacuation Representation Committee is holding a meeting this evening at 6 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, at which the situation as it exists will be explained. There will also be a discussion as to what future action should be taken.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be "At Home" to all invited guests on the occasion of the Club's Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, to be held on Saturday, 28th December, 1940. The Lawn Bowls games will commence at 2.30.

Immediately after these friendly games, there will be a Presentation of Prizes to winners of the various Club Competitions held during the year.

E. A. ATKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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SHANGHAI DISPUTE

Japanese Dissatisfied With Council

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

The President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, made a long statement to the Japanese Municipal Council, demanding Japanese representation on the Municipal Council. He pointed out that although there were 80,000 Japanese in the International Settlement and its vicinity, there were only two Japanese members on the Council. The British and five members although there only 7,000 British residents, so that the British were able to monopolise the Settlement's administration. He said the Japanese were not satisfied with the unfair state of the Settlement's administration.

Mr. Hayashi stressed that the demand for Japanese representation was natural in view of the Sino-Japanese conflict. The progressing Japanese interests in Shanghai were inseparably connected with strategic considerations. He said that without Japanese representation the smooth execution of the Settlement's administration could not be hoped for. Moreover, the Settlement's administration directly affected the Japanese campaign against Chungking.

Mr. Hayashi recalled that the failure of the Japanese to secure more seats in April was due to defects in the election regulations by which British firms divided and registered the land, offices and buildings under their control in the names of their employees, thus being able to create several thousands of votes just before the elections.—United Press.

Cripps's Nephew Back From Internment

Among officers and men of the Leicestershire Regiment who have just arrived in England from the Swedish Internment camp at Fallun is Captain M. A. H. Cripps, nephew of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow.

The party had many adventures on their journey through Norway to the Swedish border and lived for days on flour and water, often sleeping in the open in snow five feet deep.



TIMES SQUARE—Packed in tighter than proverbial sardines are thousands of persons watching election returns in Times Square, New York. This view is looking north from Times building at 11:15 P. M. Stores and restaurants along famed boulevard had braced windows with studding to keep glass intact from surging crowds.

King's Address To Empire

Praises Courage Of British Peoples

London, Dec. 26.
The dangers and difficulties confronting Britain would be overcome with the help of God and the world would be made a better place in which to live when peace was restored, declared the King in a Christmas broadcast to the nation and Empire yesterday.

"At this time all of us are in the front line," He praised the courage he had seen demonstrated by people on every side and the "splendid good fellowship" they were showing in adversity. He spoke of a word of comfort to members of families separated by the war, the many sons taken from their homes, the many children separated from parents and friends who would be lonely during the Christmas season. He expressed the hope that they would be more happy in the year to come.

The King urged people to do their best to help the fighting services win the war. In the New Year it would be the task of all Britons throughout the Empire to continue their co-operation in the successful prosecution of the war.

In the United States there were many staunch friends and organisations giving assistance to Britain. His Majesty said. The world will be a better place and Christmas days be happy again when Peace is restored. "I wish all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."—Reuter.

Grave Crisis Surmounted

London, Dec. 25.
In his Christmas Day broadcast this evening, His Majesty King George told the Empire: "We may look forward to the new year with sober confidence. We have surmounted a grave crisis. We do not underestimate the dangers and difficulties which confront us still, but we take courage and comfort from the successes of our fighting men and our Allies which were won at heavy odds on land, in the air and on the sea. The future will be hard, but our feet are planted on the path of victory and with the help of God we shall make our way to justice and peace."—United Press.

Windsor Broadcast

The Duke of Windsor, speaking over the radio from Nassau, hailed the peace of the new world and prayed that the "end of hostilities be not too far distant and that Britain will not again become entangled in the strife and quarrels of the old world where the teachings of the Church and the message of Christmas has not been heeded.

"We in this colony are engaged in Britain's conflict, but at the same time we are confident in the strength and character of our race and that their endurance and tenacity will bring this tragic war to a successful conclusion. Our admiration for the gallantry of the fighting forces knows no bounds, but our special sympathy goes out to all who have become innocent victims of modern warfare."—United Press.

Circus King Dies

Mr Edward H. Bostock, eighty-one-year-old circus king, has died in a Glasgow nursing home.

Bostock and Wombwell's menagerie, which had been on the road for 120 years, was sold to the Zoo ten years ago. Mr. Bostock had worked among the animals for sixty years, and often visited them at Whipsnade.

When he was seventy-one Mr. Bostock married Mrs. Jean Frame, Flint, daughter-in-law of the Scottish comedian W. F. Frame. They had been friends for thirty years.

Pilot Survives Direct Hit By Enemy Shell

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—A thrilling story of a parachute escape from a Spitfire was told by a Sergeant pilot who was a member of one of the first flights to have shot down 100 aircraft operating from one station.

He said: "We had attached a formation of Messerschmitt 109's about lunchtime one day. We peeled off down from about 22,000 feet one after another and made our attacks. Then there was a dog fight and I was hit by a cannon shell as I was about to attack a Messerschmitt 109 about 1,000 feet below me. "Immediately my Spitfire went into a steep dive. Flames appeared all round, so I threw the hood back and kicked myself out of the machine. I had been hit in the leg and fainted almost immediately.

Falling Fast
"I came to pretty soon afterwards and found that I was falling fast. I was very comfortable but at 14,000 feet or so I pulled the parachute rip cord. Then when coming down slowly, I took my wireless lead and light round my leg to staunch the flow of blood.

"Then I realised that my tunic was on fire, so I beat out the flames with my hands. I singed my moustache too.

Protective Plane
"A Spitfire from another squadron came round me and gave me protection from machine-gunning by enemy fighters, but no enemy appeared.

"I thought, as I was coming down, that I was going to hit telegraph wires or high tension cables, but missed them both and landed in an orchard.

"My aircraft crashed about three miles from my home in Kent and when my parents came to see me in hospital the following day, they told me that they had watched me coming down although at the time not knowing who I was.

DEATH ENDS DOG'S VIGIL

A DOG'S 13-year wait for his master ended recently in Sydney, when Bluey, 15-year-old cattle dog, died in the grounds of St. George Hospital.

Bluey's master, a driver, died in the hospital in 1927, victim of a motor accident.

The hospital authorities have forgotten his name. But Bluey did not forget his master.

Ever since his master's death he had waited at the hospital for him. The dog slept under the outpatients' department, where his master was first admitted.

Regularly, he would go to the entrance of the building, peer in, and then walk dejectedly away.

"One-Man Dog"
"Bluey was essentially a one-man dog," the president of the R.S.P.C.A. (Mr. M. A. Trull) said.

The Medical Superintendent of St. George Hospital (Dr. Geoffrey Fenton) said: "A hospital bed was bought last year with money volunteered by the public to honour Bluey."

Bluey brags plaques bearing his name have been placed in a ward of the hospital, and on a kennel at the King Edward Dogs' Home, Moore Park.

"Bluey was a dusty-blue dog with a stout spirit. Before he died, he was practically blind and deaf."



Missionary And Wife Killed

Japanese Bombing Of Misa Bay

Mr and Mrs F. W. Meyerholt, Swiss missionaries, and their Chinese cook were killed, and the wife of the Chinese Pastor, the Rev. Yee, had both legs broken when Japanese planes bombed the Swiss mission station at Kueichung, eight miles from Shenyang, in the Misa Bay district, at 1 P. m. on Monday.

Mr Yee was out preaching at the time of the raid, and when he returned found the station in a shambles. The two houses in the compound had been destroyed, and in them he found the bodies of Mr and Mrs Meyerholt and his injured wife. Half of the mission chapel had also been demolished.

Eight bombs had fallen in the compound.

Mr and Mrs Meyerholt, who have three children in Basle, Switzerland, had been in China for many years. They returned to Switzerland owing to the ill-health of Mrs. Meyerholt a few years ago and returned to the Colony last year and went to Kueichung station in September last. The mission station was established at Kueichung about 20 years ago.

Film Stars Cleared

A representative of Mr Martin Dies, chairman of the committee investigating un-American activities, has cleared the film stars, Francis Lederer, and Lulise Rainer of accusations of Communist sympathy.

Francis Lederer, a native of Czechoslovakia, was widely reported on his way to fight for his country when Munich was signed. Lulise Rainer was born in Vienna. She was granted a divorce from Clifford Odets, the well-known American playwright, in May.

Married In America On Xmas Day

Miss Tong, Mel-Il, second daughter of Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity in Chungking, and Mrs. Tong, was married to Mr Chen Yih in the United States on Christmas Day, according to a cablegram received by their friends here. The couple will remain in the States for some time.

Both bride and bridegroom are graduates of the Missouri School of Journalism, from which the latter has also obtained a Master's degree. The bride holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Kansas University.

The bridegroom's father is Mr. Chen Ching-han, former editor-in-chief of the Shun Pao, a well-known Chinese vernacular paper in Shanghai, and at present manager of the Chung Shing Coal Mining Company.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. to-day, in the Urban Council Chamber, with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the Chair.

Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hongkong in 1940".

All members of the British Medical Association are cordially invited to be present.



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Friday, Jan. 5

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Wednesday, Jan. 8

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Friday, Jan. 10

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 17th December. Dec. 27.

London and Straits. Dec. 27.

Swatow. Dec. 28.

Sandakan. Dec. 28.

Calcutta, Straits, and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore. Dec. 30.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 24th December. Dec. 31.

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Australia and Manila. Jan. 3.

Calcutta and Straits. Jan. 8.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 13th December). Jan. 9.

Rabat and Manila. Jan. 11.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Friday, Dec. 27

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

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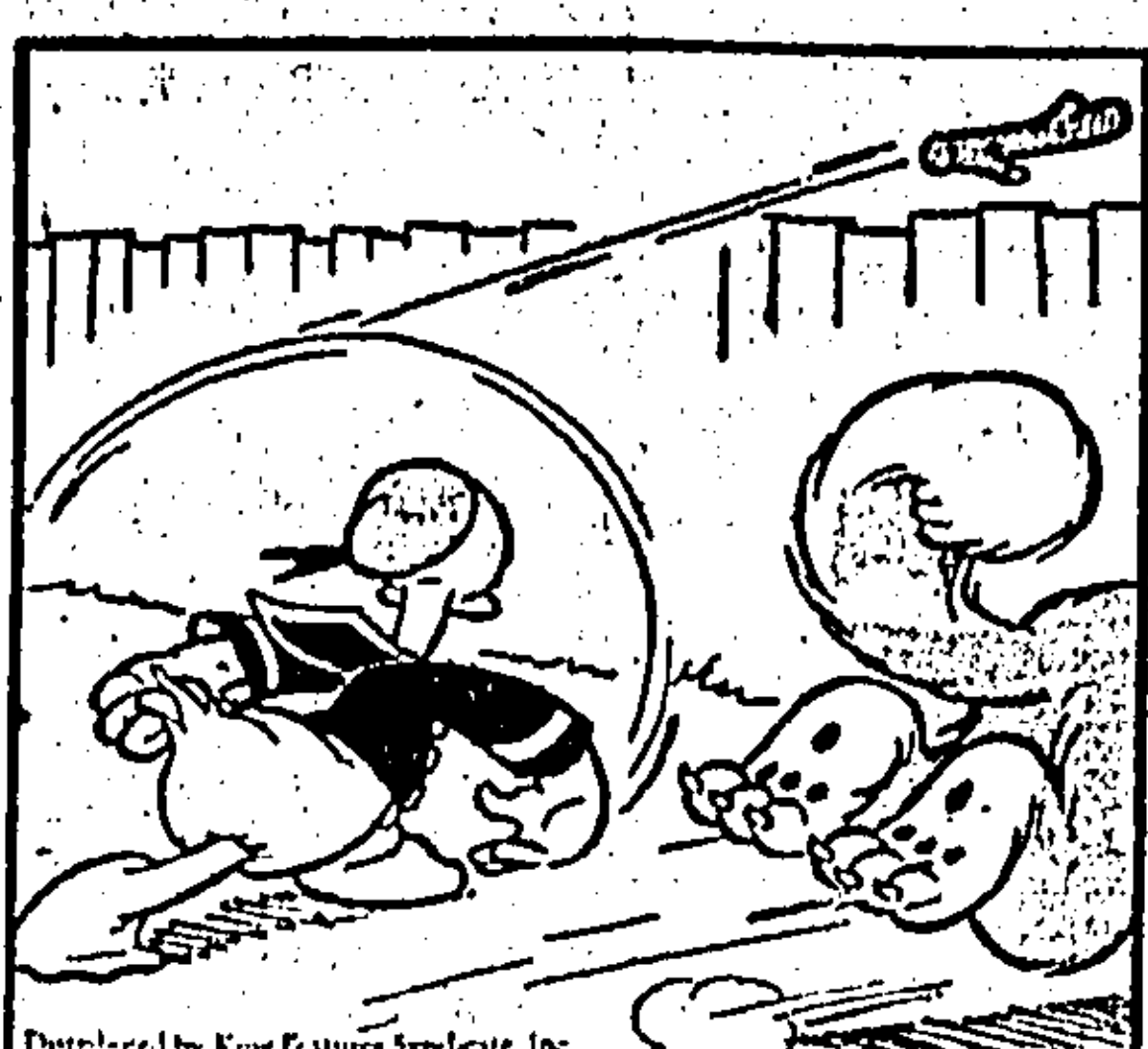
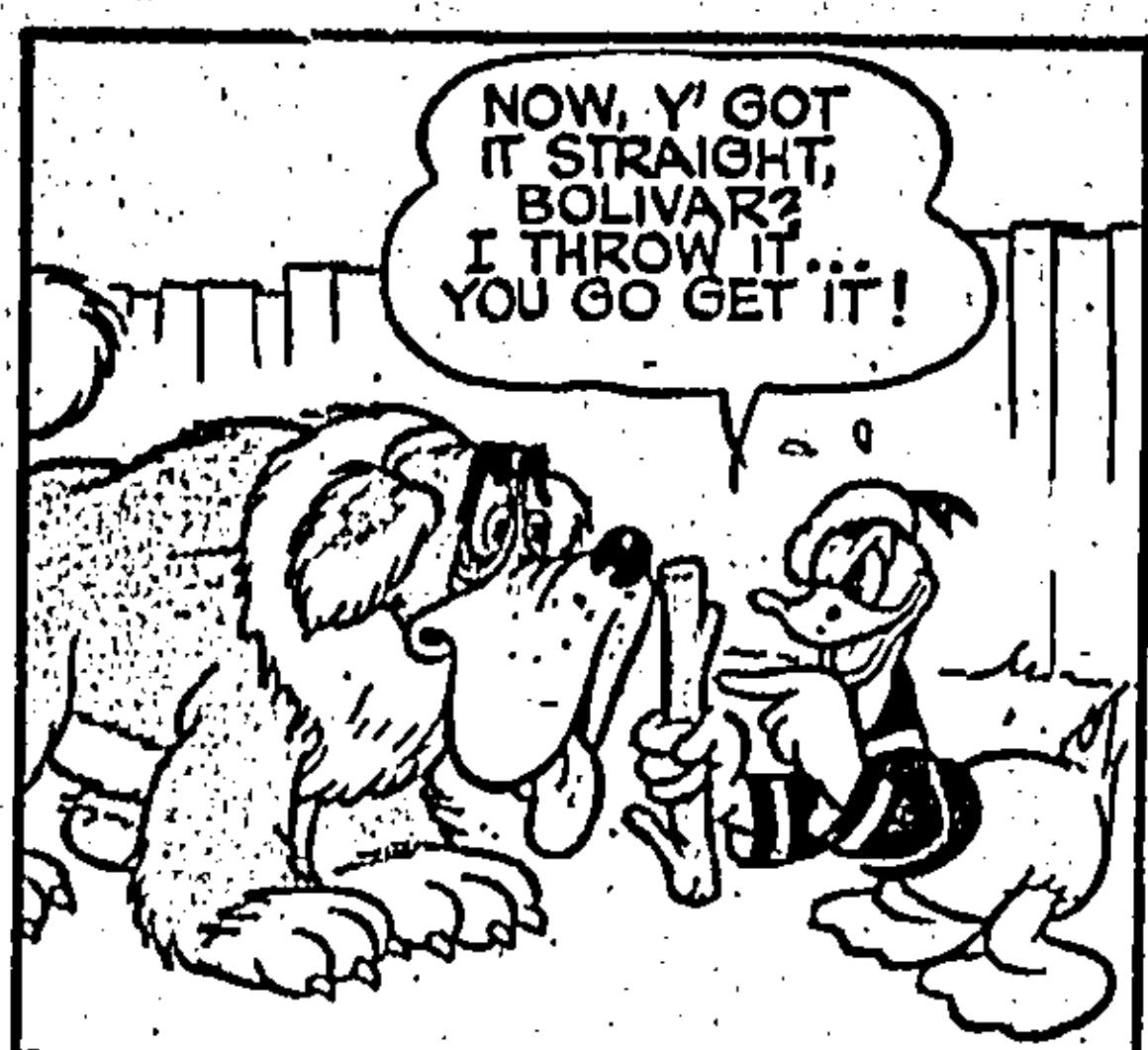
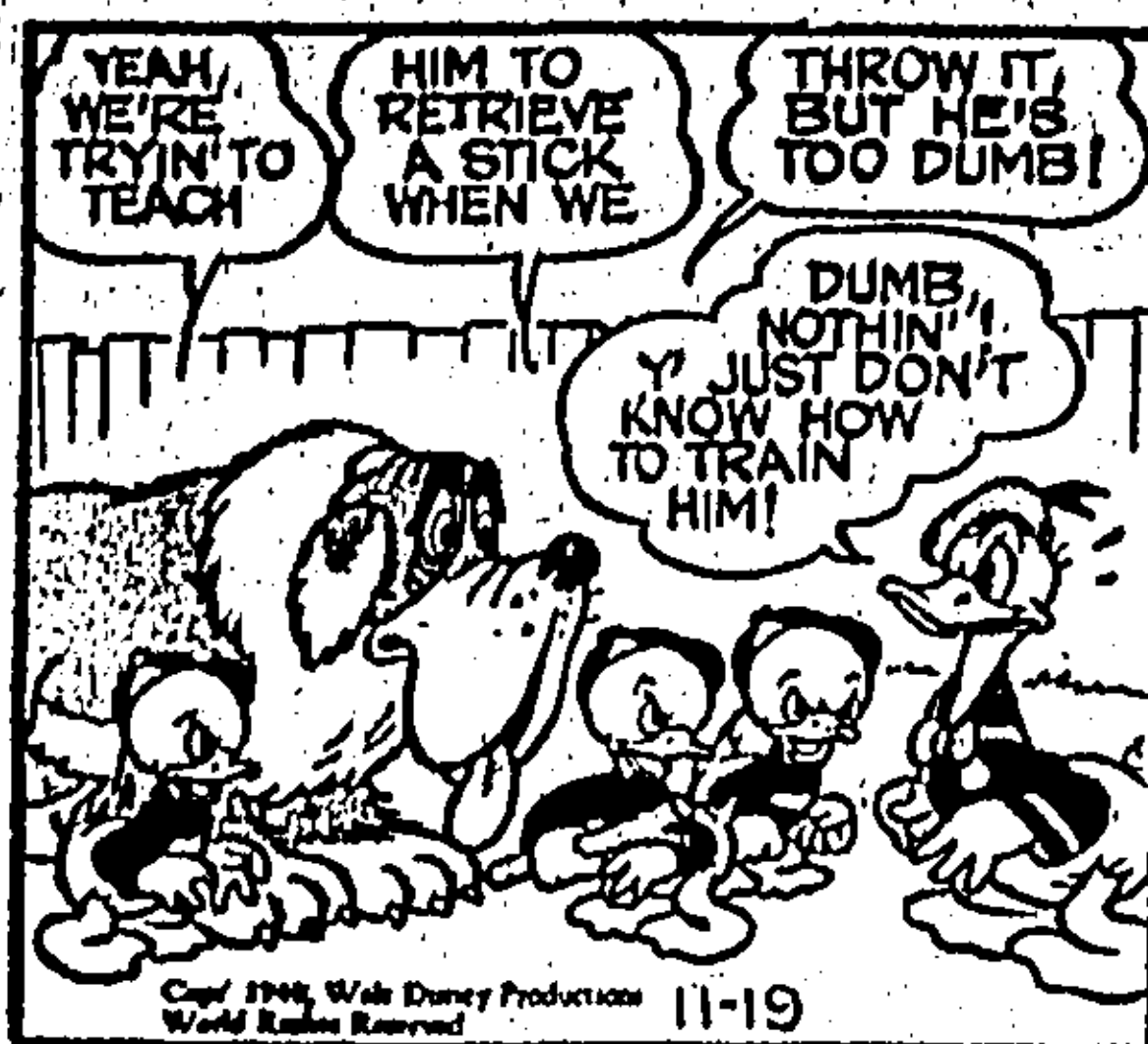
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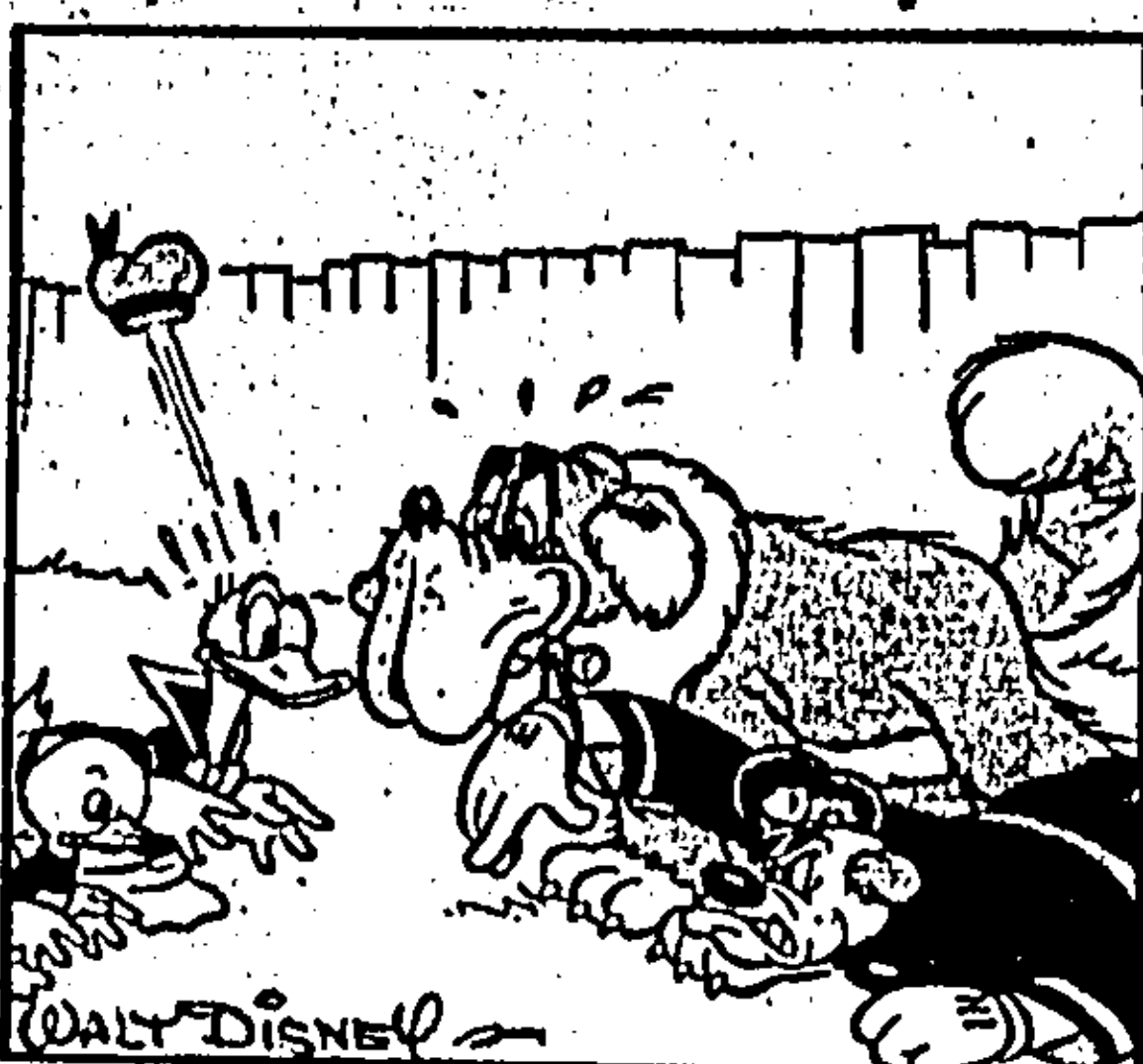
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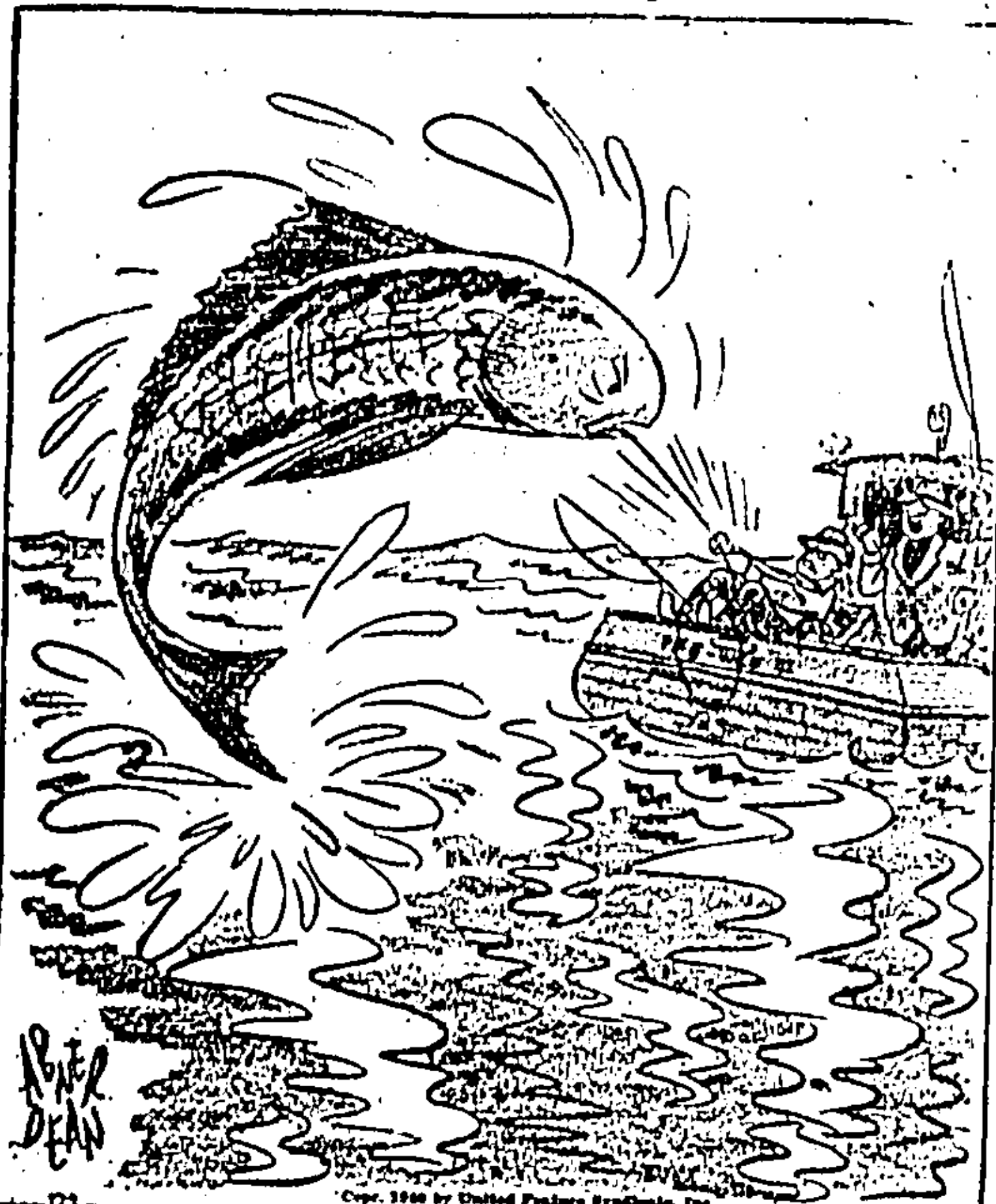
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MAGAZINE PAGE

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



SO I BALED OUT

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. I could hear the thud of their bullets.

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damaged.

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its mark.

I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control column became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart.

Everything after this was perfectly calm. I was at about 10,000 feet, but some miles out to sea. I lifted my seat, undid my strap and opened the hood.

The wind became my ally. A hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—seemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air—floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute.

When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the beach came nearer.

I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot circled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot?

Well—he didn't. He behaved quite well. He opened his hood, waved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards France.

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the beach. I took out my cigarettes and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

As I seemed to pass, I threw away the cigarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the raiders passed astern, and passing over the houses on the sea-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping. For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became anxious.

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had pushed

The Great Famine Has Begun

by W. N. EWER

EUROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Volksischer Beobachter*.

"All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled *Radio Luxemburg*, "the harvest is being supervised by German organisations."

"All agricultural produce and all foodstuffs are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency. "The Nazis boast that the food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries."

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? "Wee to the conquered!"

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder.

It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the *Reichstag*, "control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganise their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialised"; that she must shut down her industries, not her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissioner-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany. Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch.

They must slaughter their cattle—and Germans will eat the meat.

As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

Again hear the Nazis boasting of what they are doing to the Danes.

"Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week—more than she used to send to England," cries the *Staatsbrücken radio*.

"Deliveries of eggs and butter and livestock from Denmark are exceptionally big. Indeed, there are too many pigs being sent," says the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

"Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the *Transocean Agency*.

ALL FOR GERMANY

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from asking what they are gaining from these military victories.

Food to tide them over the coming winter. . . .

After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter cattle twice.

Food—for the time being—for Germany. What of Denmark?

A third of her livestock has already gone to Germany, according to American reports to President Roosevelt.

Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal bread-stuffs and fodder grain.

The agricultural situation, says another reliable report, "is becoming catastrophic."

With cruel incoherence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that Denmark is being benefited.

Her export trade is increasing. Is that not splendid for her?

It might be if these big compulsory exports to the Reich were being paid for. But for the most part, they are not paid for—except in paper.

This is not export trade. It is just plunder.

How is it done? Something, of course, the Reich sends in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder.

It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is either not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

Before the invasion, Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big German debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its place.

For the rest, payment has been made in German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this useless paper in Denmark.

And now the unhappy Danish Government has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off.

The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish kroner to cover these *Reichsgeldschuldscheine*. The result of that (never mind the technicalities of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish currency.

Prices will rise. The unhappy Danes will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have stolen.

It is a device typical of Dr. Schacht, Hitler's financial schemer. Edificates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazi army has conquered.

For a time the plunderers are going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time.

Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tide itself over the coming winter this way; but hardly much longer.

Hitler is pinning his hopes on getting peace this year. Germany is going to live on her conquests.

But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the outlook is famine or something desperately close to it.

The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they are trying to profit by the very misery of their victims.

They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be the result of the British blockade.

They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belgians—more food that can be stolen and fed to Germans.

There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring.

There will be starvation in some parts.

It will be because the German armies and the Nazi Commissioners have stolen the food of the people they have overrun.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE:

THE LITTLE THINGS . .

Another instalment from the no shrapnel. Gah, yow Jerries! Just let me get one smack at you!"

listed in the Guards.

THE sky twinkles like a spangled skirt in a sport light. It is ack-ack fire. The barrage is up.

The guns sound like blankets being vigorously shaken. All round us searching lights shoot up, bounce off clouds, and swing to and fro, making strange patterns.

Something goes past; then plop.

"Shrapnel," says the man from Leicester. "I ain't fritt o'ed myself free of a house with my good food."

And now I come to a pleasant recollection—in spite of my injured foot and my painful landing.

The people in that seaside town were wonderful. A woman appeared with a cup of tea—in one second. Then a policeman with a whisky and soda.

I drank the whisky and soda first.

I remember one amusing incident as I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven came over to me with cigarettes, and he said: "Good luck, sir. When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

I look for a more comfortable bit of mud to lean against. Old Silence says: "It's funny."

"What's funny?"

"The way you get accustomed to things. Three months ago most of us would have yelled blue murder if we were asked to sit on a wet chair. Now, look at us—sitting in puddles, and glad of the chance . . ."

"It makes you realise the importance of everyday things," I say.

Old Silence replies: "You're right. Take things like air and daylight. I was coming along in the train when a warning went. The blinds were pulled down."

"Ten miles on, the All Clear sounded, and the blinds went up. I never saw so much daylight taken in a little bit of shire Boy."

"Take tea," said the Lad from the Elephant and Castle.

"Why, back in Civvy Street, you drunk so much tea you got so with chocolate."

you didn't notice it. Cup o' char 'ere; cup o' char there. But now, blimey, you notice the taste of a nice cup o' char. I could do with one now."

"Ah," says the Man from Yorkshire. "And take beds."

"When I first come," says the Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one look at my bed and said, 'Hell. Three boards, and a donkey's breakfast. But now! Well, the other day I got a different mattress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

"Why, you —," says the Lad from the Elephant; and uses bad words.

"I swiped yours, and then when I came to lie down on it I couldn't sleep. There was an extra couple of straws in it, it was too soft!"

"It only goes to show," says the Man from Yorkshire.

Silence, except for the guns. "Sell me half of your bar o' chocolate," says the Bedfordshire Boy.

"No, but I'll give 'ee a bit," says the Man from Yorkshire.

"No, no, that's all right."

"Go on, tek it, lad, tek it. This is the usual procedure

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1-Lift
2-Killer
3-Freeze into sheets
4-Three (German)
5-In the same place (abbr.)
6-Part-thruster
7-Leviticus (abbr.)
8-Deadly insect
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DOWN
1-Cut with teeth
2-Trip steers
3-Printer's unit
4-Hebrew letter
5-French protestant
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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of
Anglo-American relations is one
of the most satisfactory features
attendant upon the war in
Europe. In its political phase
this friendship means of course,
that our eventual victory is
certain, whereas before the odds
were quite heavily against us.

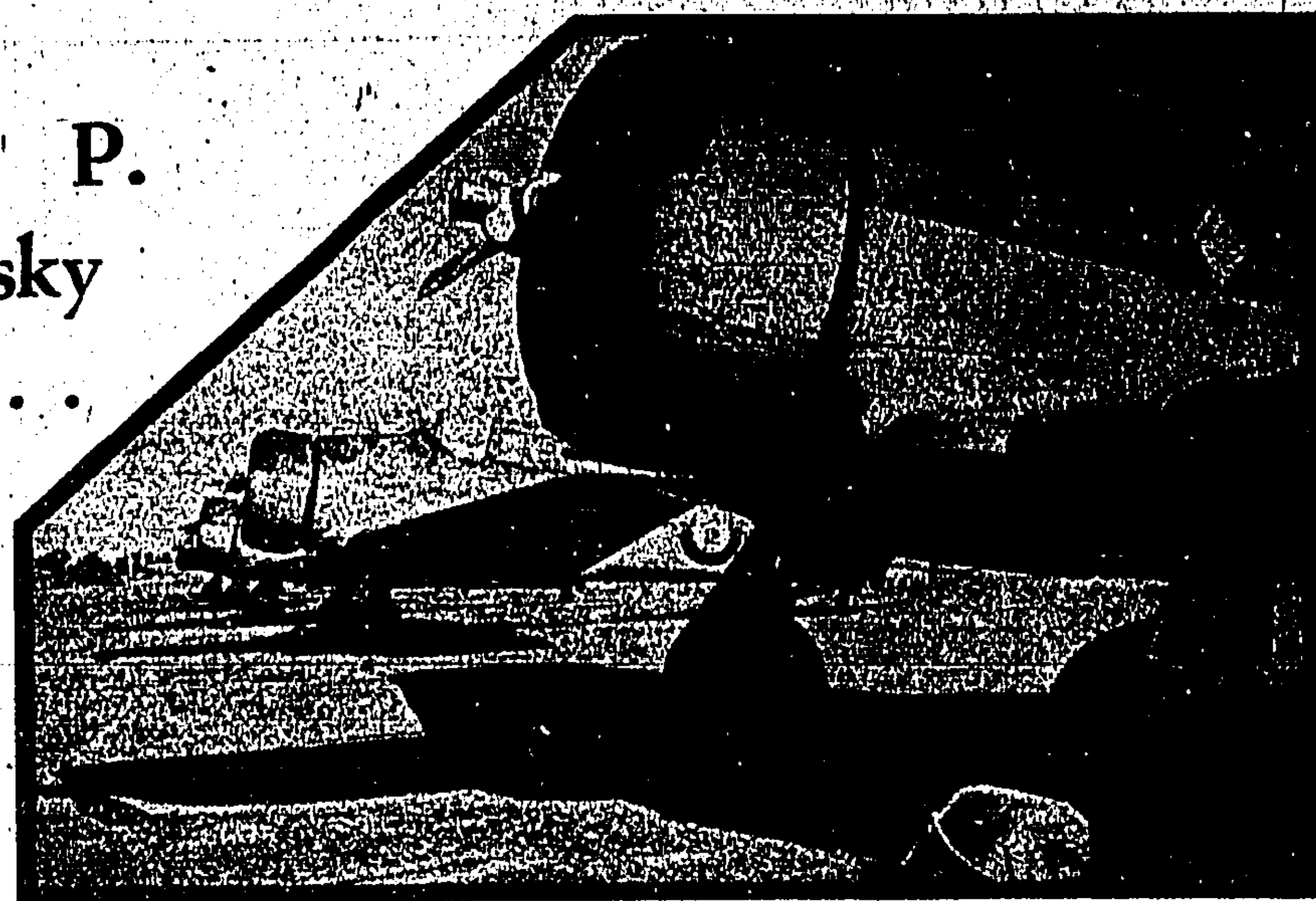
A talk with well informed
Americans recently, elicited the
fact, which characteristically
never fails to surprise the
Englishman, that he personally
was in very bad odour with his
American cousin. In fact the
weight of prejudice against him
was so heavy that it will not all
be dissipated for some years.
One American lecturer remarked
that it is still necessary for him
to point out that the Englishman
is a complete ass before he gains
the sympathy of his audience
sufficiently to lead on to the use
America can make of these
"stooges" for their own pur-
poses in fighting Hitler! By
such devices means the inherent
distrust of Americans for the
English must be overcome even
to-day when most of the two
peoples realise that our common
happiness can only be gained by
a common anti-authoritarian
front.

The history books on both
sides of the Atlantic have been
the most potent sources of
Anglo-American friction because
they blatantly misled school-
children as to the course of his-
tory and played up their national
triumphs to the derogation of
other countries. To that vast
bulk of people who never learnt
more history than was crammed
into them at school, such text
books undoubtedly raised a fog
of confusion and lies which
remained all their lives.

In America there are more
European minorities than in any
other country and most of them
can recall through their mother
countries many reasons for dis-
liking Britain. It was Britain
who thwarted Dutch dreams
of Empire, smashed Kaiser
Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanc-
tions on Italy, engineered the

**Major
Alexander P.
De Seversky**
says . . .

In the following article,
specially written for the
United Press, the noted
aeroplane designer and
recent recipient of the
Harmon Trophy as out-
standing airman of 1939,
discusses the importance
of air power in connection
with the fight between the
British and the Axis
nations for domination of
the Eastern Mediterran-
ean, now centred in the
battles in Greece and in
the Western Desert.



WHO MASTERS THE AIR MASTERS THE MEDITERRANEAN

In the past any discus-
sion of the control of
the Mediterranean area
revolved around Gibrat-
tar, Malta, Haifa and
Alexandria. But air
power once again, in the
unfolding campaign of
this crucial area, will
recast the old and ac-
cepted strategic maps of
the world.

Little mention, for
instance, was made of Crete
in the past. Yet to-day that
island, to the southeast of
Greece, seems destined to be
the pivotal point in the
great struggle for Mediter-
ranean mastery. That is
where the decisive air battles
of the campaign are shap-
ing up. One look at the
map, discloses how Crete,
heretofore an inconspicuous
island, viewed to-day
through the glasses of air
power, becomes the logical
commanding centre of the
entire eastern half of the
Mediterranean.

Therefore, the ability of
the British, with the support
of local Greek forces, to
hold the island of Crete is
thus emerging as the critical
question in the Mediter-
ranean enigma. Having oc-
cupied the island, the
problem of the British now
is to hold it against the air
offensive that is unques-
tionably being prepared by the
enemy.

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

The occupation of Crete gives
the British distinct immediate
advantages. The success which
the British and Greek forces
have scored against Italy to date
prompt observers to label the
Italian undertaking a "great mis-
take."

The fact, of course, is that
Italy was led to act in Greece,
just as Germany had to act in
Norway, by the logic of their
larger plans.

Both enterprises were ne-
cessary "next steps" in the
attempt by the Axis to meet
British sea supremacy with the
only counter-weapon they pos-
sessed, namely their air power.
In Scandinavia their task was to

attack on the new Soviet, split
the Irish and so on. The only
anti-British propaganda that can
have much force just now is that
of the Axis minorities and the
Dies Committee has done much
to quash them.

For the rest we shall let the
voice of the working man speak
to his opposite number across
the oceans and let them with un-
cultivated tongues, speaking
from the forge and factory
where they work long hours un-
complainingly to arm democracy
against the Axis, tell each other
Anglo-American friendship will
be of sterner stuff in future.
That relationship must be part
of Mr. Churchill's "new order"
in Europe.

encircle the British Isles, and in
Greece it is to encircle the Suez
canal.

Axis control of Crete as an
aviation stronghold would make
the Eastern Mediterranean too
dangerous for the British fleet.
That is the sense in which Crete
has become the strategic key
to the Mediterranean under
modern conditions of air power,
just as the strategic naval
bases were keys to their
particular areas under conditions
of sea power.

THE LESSON OF NORWAY

We must assume, however,
that the British high command
has profited from the experience
of the Norwegian reverses. It
knows that to control Crete it
must prevent establishment of
nearly airdromes in southern
Greece for Axis operations.
More important, it has learned
the crucial lesson that it cannot
rely on its fleet air arm (the
carrier-based aviation) against
land-based enemy aircraft. Un-
less Britain can meet the com-
bined Italian and German air
threat with its own air power,
it will be merely a question of
time before the fleet must re-
tire as it did in the North Sea.

Last April the Germans had
determined to deny the British
the use of Scandinavian waters,
and lacking the necessary sea
power, the Germans could cope
with the situation only by
bringing their superior air
strength to the shores of the
North Sea.

In the Mediterranean, the
Italians have been confronted
with a parallel problem. The
superior British fleet was free to
move in neutral but friendly
Greek waters. This interfered
seriously with Italy's life lines
to Lybia and to the Dodecanese
Islands. The Fascist overland
campaign against Egypt was
bogging down because of British
harassment of the supply lines
across the Mediterranean. It
therefore became essential, at
almost any price, to bring Axis
air force into play against
British sea power.

AXIS AIR POWER

Italian aviation could not
manage this alone. We may
take it for granted that
Mussolini is merely clearing the
ground for the collaboration of
German aviation. The Italian
bombers—such as the Piaggio,
the Caproni and the Savoia-
Marchetti—have a long reach

and impressive striking power,
but they are extremely vulner-
able to pursuit attacks because
they lack defensive armament.
Even more important, Mussolini
lacks the pursuit fighters to con-
voy his bombers effectively.
Hitler must therefore make up
the difference by contributing
enough Messerschmitts and
other fighters to give the Axis
a well-balanced air weapon.

But contrary to popular con-
ception, most of the equipment
of German air power is unable
to carry on except at fairly close
range. It is by no means a self-
sufficient air arm, having been
built for co-ordinated action
with land forces. To extend its
operations, German aviation, as
now constituted, must move its
line of operating bases quite close
to its targets.

The result is that German
aviation can advance only as
fast as it can move its supplies
and establish new aerodromes.
That is why there was an inter-
val of more than a month
between the occupation of
Norwegian coastal points by the
British and their expulsion by
Nazi air attack.

Another such time interval is
just as unavoidable before the
combined German-Italian avia-
tion can go after Crete.

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land
operations would have been un-
necessary if the Axis had
possessed genuine air power,
with the range and striking
force (bomb loads) entirely
possible at the present stage of
aeronautic science. We must
see to it that the implications of
this are fully understood and
taken into consideration by
those responsible for the plan-
ning of our own American air
defence. They must realize that
there is a big difference between
genuine self-dependent air
power and an air force conceived
primarily as an adjunct of some
other arm. This difference is
growing even bigger with the
rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval
superiority in the Mediterranean
will be as irrelevant as it proved
to be in the Norwegian
campaign. The air factor will
tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously,
on the measure in which Church-
ill can divert air force from
the battle of Britain to reinforce
the Mediterranean positions. In
that sense the battle of Britain
complements the Greek cam-
paign. That is the chief reason,
in fact, why Hitler must keep up
his attack on the British Isles.

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Barring None

By Burck



"We could skate over—if it would get cold enough
to freeze the Channel."
(In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,140-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter sailed from Colombo on December 27, permitting the crew consisting of 50 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and wood-work were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost invincible."

SPANISH FEELING

Xmas Truce Peace Symptom

MADRID, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Pope's appeal for peace has found a ready echo in Spain.

Formerly a rather fiery newspaper, the "Arriba," official organ of the State Party, to-day has a leader expressing great satisfaction at the virtual Christmas truce, the fact that on Christmas Day there was no air activity over either Germany or England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers.

Consistent Status

The "Arriba" expresses the hope that this may be a symptom of the possibility of peace and says: "Spain to-day as when General Franco on the first day of a war, examined the conflict, continues unwaveringly in her position."

As a matter of fact in the speech referred to by "Arriba," General Franco ordered Spaniards to observe the strictest neutrality but, following Italy's entry into the war, Spain became non-belligerent.

Phosphate For Japan

Indo-China Exploitation

HANOI, Dec. 26 (UP).—It is reliably learned that the Japanese will soon fully exploit the Laotian phosphate mines. A high Japanese official who recently returned from an inspection of the mines declared that the Japanese will extract 500,000 tons annually.

Japan is badly in need of phosphate for use as a fertilizer.

The light railroad is probably unable to carry the amount of phosphate expected to be mined but boat transportation on the Red River is possible. Since the cutting of the railroad by the Chinese the income has been insufficient for its upkeep.

The French are very willing to negotiate its transfer. The exploitation of the mines is expected to start immediately.

Japanese Envoy To Nanking

Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Nanking, Mr. Kumataro Honda, arrived this afternoon en route to his new post.

He said that since the preliminary work in the adjustment of relations between Japan and China had already been done with the successful conclusion of a basic treaty between the two countries on November 30, his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japanese and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact. The 66-year-old Ambassador emphasized that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted with the leaders of the National Government at Nanking. "I shall do my utmost to discharge my duties to the mutual benefit of both Japan and China," he said. "After settling down in Nanking I may tour North China and may return to Tokyo for a visit and to report on conditions and my impressions in China."

Free China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26. (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsal Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

More than 600 government officials and military leaders held a meeting at the National Government Headquarters in Chungking under the chairmanship of President Lin Sen.

General Pui Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, delivered the principal speech in which he exhorted the Chinese to stronger solidarity and to continue the present war of resistance and national reconstruction under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against any activity that may jeopardize the

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CHINESE HARASSING TACTICS

Troop Train Hits Mine

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Central News).—A Japanese troop train struck a Chinese mine near Jaokow station, on the Kiaoai Railway about 21 miles west of Weishien, on December 23. A number of Japanese were killed and wounded, and the locomotive and four coaches were wrecked. A quantity of alcohol and oil aboard was gutted by fire.

Another Japanese train was blown up by a Chinese mine on the Changtien-Poshan loop line on the same day, resulting in scores of Japanese casualties.

North-Kiangsu

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—A Japanese contingent plying eastward from Hsuehow in north Anhwei last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops setting Japanese goods on fire.

Over 100 Japanese were killed and two blockhouses were destroyed in a Chinese raid at Miaokow, northwest of Chienan in north Honan on the night of December 19.

Contact of Japanese units on the Taihsui-Yangcheng highway in south Shansi has been completely severed as a result of the Chinese destruction of the road, bridges, and telephone and telegraph wires. Three bridges and a section of the highway east of Yangcheng were also destroyed.

Interception Near Suatow

KWEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Japanese troops in seven lorries and eight tanks protecting a gang of workers building a new highway in Tanghai, 12 miles north-east of Suatow, were intercepted and attacked by the Chinese on December 24.

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1.45 Variety.

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5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

9.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Latest Variety.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 Band Music.

8.15 London Relay—"Under the Crooked Cross."

A Feature Programme.

9.00 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9.45 A Russian Programme.

10.00 Tavel—Sonatina for Piano.

1st Mov: Moderato, 2nd Mov: Menuet, 3rd Mov: Andante, Alfred Cortot (Piano).

10.20 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento—Allegro non troppo, 2nd Mov: Allegretto, 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

11.0 Close down.

Food Speculation

CHENGTOU, Dec. 27 (Central News).—Another Chinese official has been arrested for food speculation.

He is K'ang Tung, magistrate of Anhsien, Szechwan. He is being escorted to Chengtu for trial.

Fu Tze-yung, sectional chief of the Anhsien district government, who is said to be an accomplice, is detained.

Dover Patrol's Anti-Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Perfect "Invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm sea.

Picked troops combed the beaches while the crews of long-range guns were ready for instant action and the ships of the Dover Patrol slid through the mist keeping their day and night watch.

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were as crowded as in peacetime. Music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight.

Britain stood on guard against invasion throughout the Christmas tide.

Vigilance Redoubled

While the official air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel coast was redoubled. Arms workers sacrificed their holiday to ensure a continued steady stream of munitions, and to-day also war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871.

Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce," "Reuters" air correspondent is informed.

It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raids is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made last night: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have been able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the season of peace.

Tokyo Bay Fortress

New Commander

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 26. (Domel).—The War Office announces that Major-General Tsumochi Kobayashi has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Tokyo Bay Fortress succeeding Major-General Sadaichi Shioda who died recently.

Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was the commandant of an unspecified corps at the time of the Nomoman incident and lost his left leg. He has since recuperated from the wound.

New Naval Appointment

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The appointment of Vice-Admiral John Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport was announced to-night.

During the last war Vice-Admiral Cunningham was at sea practically the whole time, taking part in, among other actions, the Dardanelles campaign.

Vice-Admiral John Cunningham is not to be confused with Admiral Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean.

U.S. AID AVALANCHE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—If we can hold on during 1941, what the United States can produce gives us the certainty of ultimate victory, said Sir Walter Layton shortly after his return to Britain from a tour of America. That aid will become a positive avalanche and will reach its climax next winter and in the spring of 1942.

"Times" Analyses New Nanking Note Issue

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Commenting upon reports that the notes issued by the Japanese-controlled Central Reserve Bank in Nanking are to be interchangeable at par with the Chinese legal tender notes, the London "Times" envisages another probably more dangerous bid for currency control by the Japanese in the "occupied" territory and a currency war in the Far East.

The previous less ambitious note issue by the Japanese-controlled Hua Hsing Bank, the "Hins" predicts, will be swallowed up by the new bogus Central Bank issue and possibly the reserve against the Hua Hsing Bank notes will be transferred to the new bank.

Nevertheless London banking circles are somewhat sceptical regarding the character of the backing for the new notes, which, according to Tokyo message, is covered by gold and silver specie—proportions un stated to the extent of forty per cent.

Japan's Primary Aim

Japan's primary aim, the "Times" observes, is to secure foreign ex-

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| BANKS | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| H.K. Banks \$ | 1,380 n. |
| H.K. Banks £ | 75 n. |
| H.K. Banks (I.K.) £ | 81 n. |
| Chartered £ | 8 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. £ | 20 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile, C. £ | 10 1/2 n. |
| East Asia \$ | 74 b. |

| INSURANCES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Canlons \$ | 200 b. |
| Union \$ | 400 b. |
| China Underwriters \$ | 17 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Fire \$ | 15 1/2 n. |

SHIPPING

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Douglas \$ | 135 n. |
| Steamboats \$ | 11 n. |
| Indo-China P. \$ | 100 n. |
| Indo-China D. \$ | 80 n. |
| Shell (Bearers) s/- | 40/- n. |
| Waterboats \$ | 7 n. |

DOCKS ETC.

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Wharves \$ | 3 b. |
| Docks (old) \$ | 18.00 n. |
| Docks (new) \$ | 18 n. |
| Providents \$ | 5.70 3/4 sa. |
| Shal Dockyards \$ | 30 n. |

MINING

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| Kallan s/- | 10/3 n. |
| Raubas \$ | 9 1/4 n. |
| H.K. Mines | 1 1/4 cts. n. |

LANDS

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Hotels \$ | 3.70 b. |
| Lands \$ | 33.60 b. |
| Lands 4% Debentures | 100 n. |
| Shai Lands Sh \$ | 12.30 n. |
| Humphreys \$ | 7.80 n. |
| H.K. Realities \$ | 3.80 b. |
| Chinese Estates \$ | 100 n. |

UTILITIES

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Trams \$ | 17.70 b. |
| Peak Trams (old) \$ | 7.40 n. |
| Peak Trams (new) \$ | 3 1/2 n. |
| Star Ferries \$ | 61 n. |
| Y. Ferries \$ | 24 b. |
| China Lights (old) c. rts. | 6.00 b. |
| H.K. Electric (old) \$ | 39 1/2 b. |
| H.K. Electric (new) \$ | 39 1/2 b. |
| Macao Electric (old) \$ | 17 1/2 n. |
| Macao Electric (new) \$ | 17 1/2 n. |
| Sandikun Lights \$ | 11.30 n. |
| Telephones (old) \$ | 26 n. |
| Telephones (new) \$ | 10.20 n. |

INDUSTRIALS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Caid: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. | 14.90 n. |
| Caid: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. | 12 n. |
| Canton Ices \$ | 1 n. |
| Cements \$ | 10 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Ropes \$ | 7.05 b. |

STORES, ETC.

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|--------------------|----------|
| Dairy Farms \$ | 19.20 s. |
| Watsons \$ | 10.70 s. |
| Lane Crawford's \$ | 9 n. |
| Sinceres \$ | 2.15 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) \$ | 30 n. |
| Powell Ltd. \$ | 1.90 n. |

COTTON MILLS

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|-------------|-----------|
| Ewo Sh. \$ | 44 1/2 n. |
| Shai Cotton | 180 n. |

MISC.

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|--------------------------|---------|
| H.K. Govt. 4% | 94 sa. |
| H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934) | 94 sa. |
| Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds. | 7 b. |
| H.K. Entertainments \$ | 1.60 b. |
| Constructions (old) \$ | 1.60 b. |
| Constructions (new) \$ | 4.70 s. |
| Vibro Piling (new) \$ | 7/6 n. |
| Marmans Inv. (Lon.) \$ | 7/6 n. |
| Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- | 2/6 n. |

Starting Times For Fanling Sunday

| OLD COURSE | |
|--|--|
| 9.10 Final Club Championship. | |
| 9.20 A. Sommerfeld, K. S. Morrison. | |
| 9.24 A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young. | |
| 9.28 A. Mack, D. J. Bosman. | |
| 9.32 W. A. Smaller, D. S. Edward. | |
| 9.36 A. McKellar, W. W. C. Sheehan. | |
| 9.40 T. Low, H. N. Williamson. | |
| 9.44 J. A. Farrah, A. W. Bourne. | |
| 9.48 W. E. Hines, L. Jackson. | |
| 9.52 D. H. Blake, C. A. Hedmond. | |
| 9.56 F. D. Hunter, G. C. Vorrall. | |
| 10.00 W. Stoker, J. H. Way. | |
| 10.04 I. H. Geare, J. Humphreys. | |
| 10.08 J. Lincker, J. B. Harrison. | |
| 10.12 M. G. Carruthers, J. S. Dunnett. | |
| 10.16 G. M. Park, S. Lloyd. | |
| 10.20 G. Shackleton, Capt. Barclay. | |
| 10.24 Major Temple, Major Morgan. | |

NEW COURSE

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| 9.24 S. Tomlinson, A. V. Greaves. | |
| 9.28 P. Morrison, R. H. Davies. | |
| 9.32 Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett. | |
| 9.36 Miss Blackburn, J. G. Jensen. | |
| 9.40 J. K. Boufield, R. D. Gillespie. | |
| 11.28 Col. Smith, Capt. Reidy. | |



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Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men:
A. V. Gosano Injured
Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

The game was fast and what science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese were a diminutive lot, and what they lacked in size was made up by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there was not the same understanding as was evinced in the English side. Playing with only four forwards during the greater part of the game, T. Alves should have been more on the alert and his weak clearances were a source of relief to the English defence when they were on the attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should have parried with the ball earlier on many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring up some for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. C. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with danger.

Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedios, B. Gosano taking over the duties of his elder brother in the centre half position played as a third back, and lent admirable support. The wing backs of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques in goal delighted the spectators with many brilliant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

Steady Trio

The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half back trio that was the mainstay of their display, for although being worried they were never flustered, and always came off with the better end. Pope, Bright and Britt were

always there when wanted, and Pope's marking of T. Alves in particular had this Portuguese player well bottled-up. Bright went about his work with calm assurance and was way up in aiding the attack. Britt was none too steady against Campos, but nevertheless he was the means of stopping several dangerous raids. Roughley and Freshwater partnered each other well, their first time tackling and clearances were very effective.

In the forward line, Fox playing at outside right found himself in a strange position, and although he did not send across many useful centres, his partnership with Le Page had the Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. The former player had good understanding with his other men. Hendy scored the "hat-trick" and his distributions and footwork delighted the English supporters. The same could be said of Saw. Bickford was the better of the two wingers, sending across many centres although he found in Maxwell a thorn to his doings. As stated, Robinson did all that was required of him.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both citadels were visited in turn, and after fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long after, Campos when going through on his own missed an open goal, having only Robinson to beat.

Returning to the attack, the English team secured the lead, when from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right-foot drive that had Marques diving. Playing still with ten men, Portugal retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equaliser, as from a shot taken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the English players doing most of the attacking, Hendy when in possession swerved and evaded two players to place the ball into the corner of the net.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Portuguese went about their work with a will, and from one of their sporadic raids, Campos went through

Wanderers And Club Draw

Splendid Century By
J. E. Richardson

Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

Richardson and Knight opened and the latter at 17 had the misfortune to be yanked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, however, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

The 100 was hoisted in an hour and Richardson completed his 50 at the same time. When Ride was at 30 he should have been caught at deep mid-wicket off Alec Pearce.

So all went merrily until at 123, when 100 runs had been added, Ride was l.b.w. He had scored a nice 44.

Dicky's Century

AFTER this, interest chiefly centred in whether Richardson would get his century before lunch. He hit like a lightning horse, and soon put all doubts at rest. His hundred took him only 80 minutes. After that the fun began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were put down, but it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced the game excellently.

With 229 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 and Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alec Pearce, who took the ball right-handed level with his shoulder—242-3-144.

Owen Hughes came in and still runs came. At 270 Perry hit out at Dewar and was very smartly taken at backward point (call it gully if you will) for a nice innings of two shots of a half-century, 270-4-48.

Club went on and runs still came, but mostly in singles. The Wanderers' fielding improved, but they could get no more wickets and Club declared at 308 for 4 wickets. Owen-Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet 20 not out.

The Wanderers

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but I was told I might call it the Wanderers.

J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose opened the batting and Knight bowled at the Yard end. Pearce took a wicket through the slips. Owen-Hughes bowled at the other end. He bowled John Pearce and Grose started to settle down.

To send the 40 up Grose hit a couple of beautiful off-drives to the pavilion. It was an expensive over—four fours and two singles.

The 50 was hoisted in 22 minutes.

Bowling Change

LLOYD then went on vice Owen-Hughes, while McLellan relieved Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. in his first over, but it was a red-hot drive and went through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy owner.

At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar—a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down to play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alec Pearce sided one behind second slip and Owen-Hughes just got to it but the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball, as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold it.

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second slip.

Just after, Grose, who was playing very nicely, completed his 50. His hooking on off-turners was delightful, and both feet were almost outside the off-stump.

Tea

AT 130 tea was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even if the tea interval cannot be cut out it should be reduced to a minimum.

As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

Grose hooked Perry very strongly to the mid-wicket boundary and Kilbee dashed along and held an excellent catch. 142-2-72.

Grose had played a pretty forcing innings. The only chance I saw was the drive that hit McLellan in his tummy.

Pearce completed his 50 and was immediately after dropped at mid-wicket. The bow was doing well. But it availed him little. He played

on one from Knight and the ball shot on to his wicket. 146-3-52.

Bowling Change

I DON'T quite understand why Perry was taken off after bowling two overs and getting Grose out and Alec Pearce dropped. Presumably Owen-Hughes' idea was to get a left hander on to the new batsmen.

Knight tired a bit, and Coombes hit him for four 4's in one over—it should have been five 4's, but on the other hand the one through the slips should have been taken by first slip.

Next over, Swayne let out at a well-placed one from Owen-Hughes, and was well caught low down at mid-off 102-4-5.

Without addition to the score, Freeman was bowled. The hutch seemed open.

Cricket grew dull, except when Coombes hooked McLellan for four. He shaped like a useful bat, but I do not recall having seen him before.

Head on-drove Owen-Hughes out of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was bowled. 206-6-12.

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on stoutly and completed his 50, of which ten shots were boundaries.

At 125, Dewar was bowled by McLellan. 225-7-1.

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-Hughes, and Coombes welcomed him by cracking him to the square-leg boundary and then on-driving him for two. Then he put him behind square leg for another four, and straight drove him for 6. 14

seems to me that Coombes is a considerable acquisition to Hongkong cricket.

Owen Hughes Again

OWEN HUGHES then relieved McLellan at the Yard end, but his first over was a maiden. Coombes hit Lloyd about pretty freely to send up the 250, and stumps were down with 253 on the board. Coombes 77 not out and Peel 2 not out.

Coombes had played a most excellent fighting innings, hitting powerfully.

It was an excellent game with the batsmen on top. There were a lot of catches dropped, and no one was outstanding with the ball.

I thought Perry might have been used more, and I am not sure I should not have tried Richardson or Ride on Coombes early on. It might have worked, but they might not. I understand that there will be a postponement as far as possible on New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride will captain the Club side in the absence of Harry Owen-Hughes. I hope to report it.

FOUR (declared for) 205
R. H. Griffiths, D. McLellan, L. D. Kilbee, N. D. Lloyd, G. J. P. Carey did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

| | O | M | R | W. |
|---------------------------|----|---|----|----|
| Head | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Finnle | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Dewar | 4 | 2 | 54 | 1 |
| Pearce | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| T. Pearce | 10 | 0 | 97 | 1 |
| Coombes | 8 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Swayne | 3 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Owen-Hughes | 4 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Extras (LB 2; WD 3; NB 2) | | | | 19 |

THE WANDERERS
D. C. E. Grose, c. Kilbee b. Perry 72
L. T. Ride, b. Owen-Hughes 53
J. L. C. Pearce, b. Knight 44
T. A. Pearce, b. McLellan 31
J. S. Swayne, c. McLellan b. Owen-Hughes 20
H. Hughes, not out 12
F. L. Freeman, b. Owen-Hughes 12
I. Head, b. Owen-Hughes 11
A. Dewar, b. McLellan 10
W. Peel, not out 2
Extras (LB 2; WD 3; NB 2) 19

Seven for 205
W. G. Finnle and D. Kilbee did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

| | O | M | R | W. |
|----------------------------|----|---|----|----|
| Knight | 8 | 0 | 45 | 4 |
| Owen-Hughes | 10 | 2 | 63 | 4 |
| Lloyd | 8 | 1 | 57 | 0 |
| Perry | 10 | 4 | 10 | 1 |
| Lloyd bowled two no-balls. | | | | |

Home Football Results

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Results of football matches played in Scotland last Saturday were:

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---------------|
| Aldon | 2 | 1 | Birnham |
| Clyde | 2 | 1 | Third Lanark |
| Heart | 1 | 1 | Partick |
| Marion | 1 | 1 | Motherwell |
| Queen's Park | 1 | 1 | Falkirk |
| St. Mirren | 1 | 1 | St. Johnstone |

ENGLAND

The following were further results of matches played in England yesterday:

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| Manchester C | 2 | 1 | Manchester U |
| Burnley | 1 | 1 | Blackburn |

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

| RACE 1 | | |
|--|-------------|--|
| No. 112 | \$1,104.20 | |
| " 834 | 341.21 | |
| " 724 | 170.01 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 202, 874, 308, 1015. | | |
| RACE 2 | | |
| No. 1101 | \$1,320.42 | |
| " 453 | 378.97 | |
| " 207 | 185.49 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 045, 1202, 23, 782, 992, 1123. | | |
| RACE 3 | | |
| No. 601 | \$1,653.81 | |
| " 1114 | 473.09 | |
| " 1114 | 235.54 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1277, 1021. | | |
| RACE 4 | | |
| No. 25007 | \$26,008.42 | |
| " 01430 | 7,430.97 | |
| " 19020 | 3,715.40 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$344.62 each): Nos. 22,176, 63,140, 40,755, 51,740, 5,519, 5,447, 12,431, 10,201, 50,167, 17,063, 34,397, 5,787. | | |
| RACE 5 | | |
| No. 770 | \$699 | |
| " 415 | 127 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$23 each): Nos. 801, 1091, 1123, 1915, 505, 1032, 203, 452, 704, 108. | | |
| RACE 6 | | |
| No. 1083 | \$1,830.84 | |
| " 702 | 523.04 | |
| " 1053 | 201.57 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 603, 1516, 1067, 201, 1707. | | |

Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Results of rugby matches played today were:

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Cardiff | 16 | Welsh XV | 0 |
| Gloucester | 26 | Army XV | 3 |
| Home Counties | Rest of England | | |
| Public Schools | 14 | Public Schools | 3 |

Golf

Bogey Pool At Sheungshui

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Country Club, Sheungshui, yesterday, finishing with a score all square.

K. T. Oel, two down, was second.

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—India began a three-day match against Ceylon today, batting first. India made 251, of which C. K. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 56.

At the end of the third day of the pentangular cricket tournament at Bombay, the Moslems had made 301 (Mushking All 110) and two for 18. The West had made 202 and 226 (Amiro Lahl seven for 104). The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last moment on political grounds.

Softball Contributes To "Bomber Fund"

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund was collected yesterday at Kowloon Football Club where the Greybeards subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was in the nightcap in which the Jasses battled with the Kowloon Kops, but it was generally agreed that a big time was had. Canasta hot Louey was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no casualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at Sockenpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 o'clock:

L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and A. Zimmermann.

to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incessant attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy completed his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following up B. Gosano's miscalculation he scored from close in.

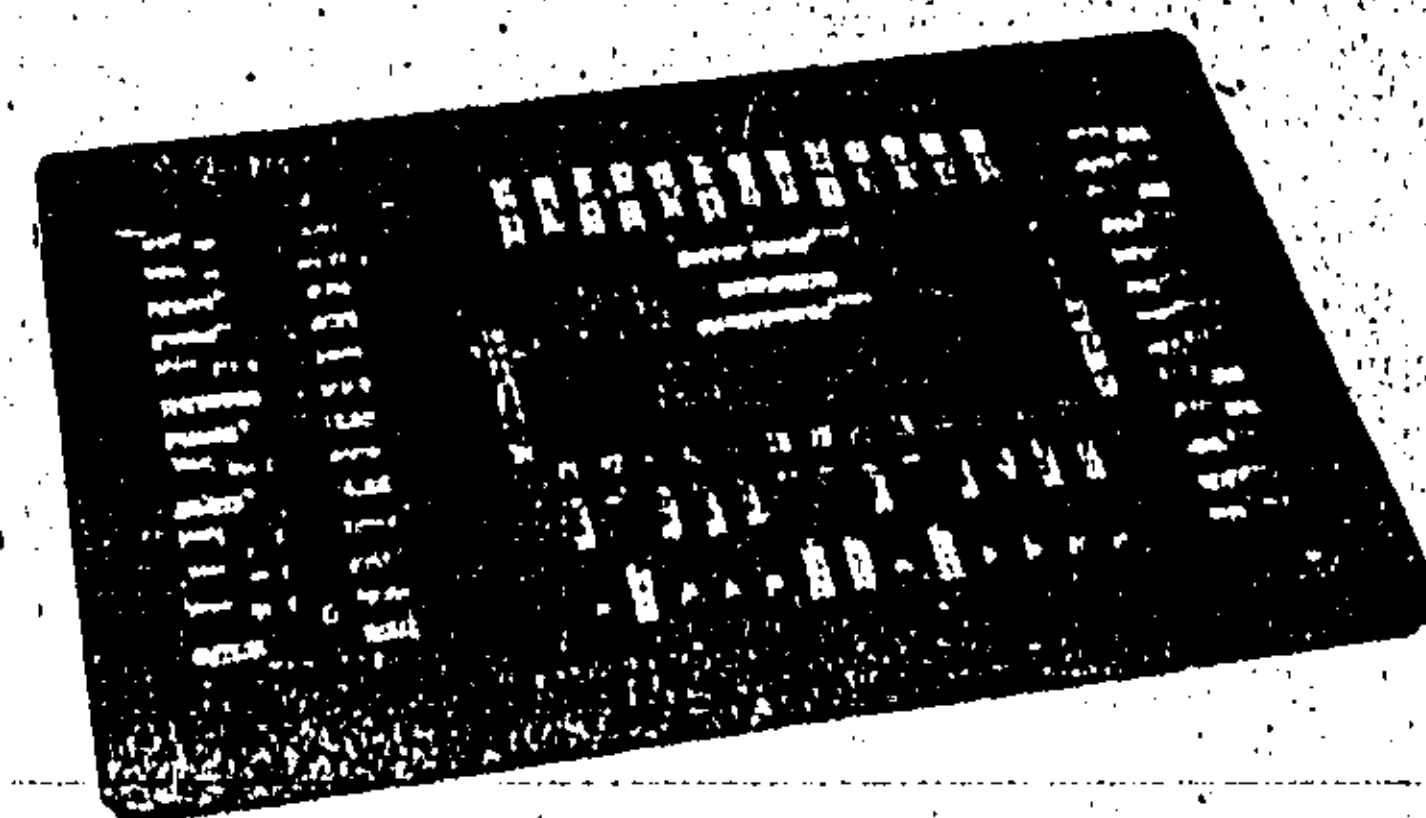
PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. F. Remedios; D. Alves; Maxwell; A. V. Gosano; J. J. Pereira; H. Campos; C. Santos; B. Gosano; J. Gomes; T. Alves.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley; Freshwater; Pope; Bright; Britt; Fox; Le Page; Hendy; Saw; Bickford.

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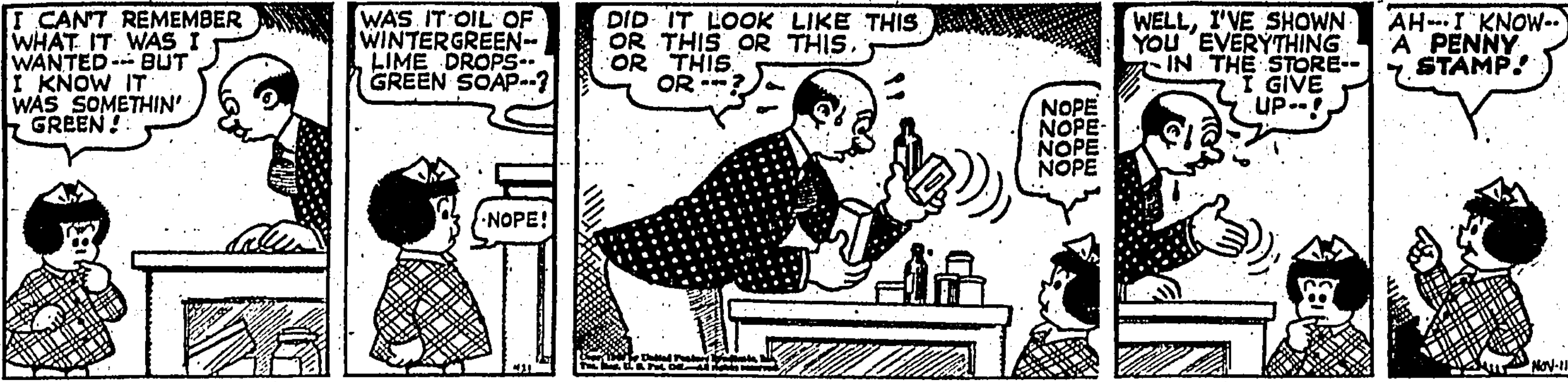
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Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers," it was announced by the White House today.

In a letter to the President, the group, which included editors, lawyers, educationists, actors and religious and labour leaders, appeals for everything possible to be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement," evidently to let President Roosevelt know what they consider a large section of the United States people would like to hear in his broadcast on Sunday.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the

military, naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting; but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The signatories include Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative for New York, Henry Breckenridge, the well-known New York lawyer, Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thompson, the famous columnist.

Lifeboat Mystery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Vento, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000 ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced today that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr Winston Churchill, the Pope and King George VI.

Mr Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and interests have been envenomed and completely reversed by the attitude of a single man—Mussolini.

The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio evades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—youth, people, lebensraum, right is might, etc.

Rifts in Unity

There is, however, rather a tendency to protest, too strongly for conviction, of the unity prevailing between the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The supercession of so many high officers recently is proof of rifts in this unity.

The Pope's address was also remarkable, seeing that it was delivered from Rome at this season. His Holiness' summary of the five points which all true Christians should practise is the most telling indictment of the whole totalitarian policy that could conceivably be made, especially in the exceptional circumstances of the Pope's position.

He brands the offence but does not mention the offender. Nobody who heard or read his homily can fail to realise that victory of truth, righteousness, honour, peace and mutual goodwill could be reached in only one way. Coming at this moment, especially so hard upon the heels of Churchill's words, the address must have greatly intensified the influence his admonitions would have had in any case.

King's Speech

King George's speech was of a different character as compared to the other two addresses. It was non-political and almost non-political. His Majesty spoke as man to man, he spoke of the family, then of home life and Christmas spirit, of national unity, of national confidence and the hope of better things. No greater contrast to the usual blustering boasts and noisy fulminations of the Axis leaders could possibly be imagined.

Press & Radio Campaigns
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: "Why should Britain go on with the war?"

Several broadcasts have asserted that the British government has had several peace opportunities. It is not supposed in London that the Germans really expect to result from this peace propaganda especially when one takes into consideration the continual statements in German home broadcasts that the war will be a long one and that Britain is not easily overcome. This radio and press campaign has given the lie to Marshal Brauchitsch's statement that the English channel protects Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude a few months more or less is of no importance.

Some commentators think that Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to eliminate British opposition while leaving him still in possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

Britain's Food Supplies Quite Ample

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the Ministry of Food still has sufficient stocks of all essential foodstuffs, and even if the British people have to accept shorter rations, there is no fear of their being forced on to "iron" rations.

Even if the present butter ration is cut, the British people will still be getting a larger allowance than the inhabitants of the enemy countries and the territories they have over-run.

Food experts regard the position of fats as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very good indeed.

The sugar-beet crop this autumn has been a very successful one and the Ministry of Food has ample sugar stocks, both home-produced and from overseas.

Ten supplies are expected to last for many months to come. There is some suggestion that the meat ration may be reduced in the year from 1s. 10d. worth per head per week to 1s. 6d. worth. The Ministry has found that only about 80 to 85 per cent. of the present ration is used.

Swiss Raids Faked?

London Suspensions

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A suspicion that the enemy may have manufactured "evidence" to suggest that R.A.F. planes bombed Swiss territory is voiced in authoritative quarters in London today.

The Swiss General Staff communique stated that foreign planes flew over Swiss territory on Christmas Eve, and authoritative quarters in London now point out that it has been officially announced that no R.A.F. operations were carried out over Europe on the nights of December 24 and 25.

The same quarters observe that the Swiss Staff communique confirms the suspicions that earlier reports of bombing of Swiss territory by the R.A.F. may have been based on evidence manufactured by the enemy.

Training Thailanders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning aboard the Tobu Maru for a six-month study at the Nippon Electric Manufacturing Company plant. The group is accompanied by a Commander and a Lieutenant who will however return to Bangkok immediately.

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Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

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ing mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

Has Much To Gain

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here.

It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time away. Mosul and Bagdad would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult.

DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

→ FROM PAGE ONE

A very retentive memory, and was unsurpassed as a raconteur. He was an enthusiastic follower of the turf and an ardent football fan.

He was a member of St Andrew's Society and the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

His death is a great loss to his employers and to the shipping fraternity.

A single man, the late Mr Lang leaves a brother, who is a chief engineer with the Union Steamship Co., Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

Indian Stowaway In Court

Shin A Phn, 34, of Madras, India, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour for stowing away from Shanghai to Hongkong aboard a British steamer and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong for entering the Colony without a valid passport by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Det. Sergeant Hill said that defendant was found on board the ship after it had left Shanghai. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely "broke" and had been formerly employed as an elephant trainer in a circus. Defendant was trying to return to India.

LATE NEWS



NOT NEEDED—With continued raids over England by Nazis, historic lamp posts are removed from the vicinity of Westminster Hall, London. They're not needed during blackouts. Big Ben is at right.

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Inflation Looms In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Officials of the Bank of Japan moved to check the continued inflationary trend when that institution opened this morning.

The total note issue, which is a new high record, reached ¥4,405,000,000 on December 24. In the meantime loans outstanding had reached ¥585,000,000.

This demand for loans is attributed to the need for funds to pay dividends and also the lag in government payments.

BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

Closing In On Italians

(By "Reuter's" Correspondent in Sudan)

KHARTOUM, Dec. 26.—British patrols in the Kassala sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinian front are becoming more active and aggressive, and although this railway town, which is situated inside the Sud in 20 miles from the frontier, is held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for unwary Italian troops.

DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

Popular Hongkong Ship's Officer

The loss of one of the most highly esteemed and popular figures on the China Coast has taken place in the death, which occurred suddenly in Colombo on Christmas Day, of Mr. Neil Lang. The news was conveyed by cable this morning to the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., with which firm the late Mr. Lang had served as a chief engineer for more than 30 years.

Mr. Lang left Hongkong a few months ago because his ship was requisitioned for service by the British Government.

Born in 1873, Mr. Lang served his apprenticeship with Messrs. William Denny and Co., Ltd., of Dumbarton, Scotland, before coming out to China in 1900 to join the China Navigation Co., Ltd. Eight years later he joined the Douglas line, and had remained with that organisation ever since.

Fine Officer & Gentleman

A typical Scot of the old school, Mr. Lang was a fine officer and a great gentleman. He was held in high regard and affection in many circles. He possessed a keen wit and a very retentive memory, and was

PEACE BY NEGOTIATION

Senator Vandenberg Expresses View

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—Senator Arthur Vandenberg in an interview to-day gave the impression that he believed the time is propitious for a peace move. He predicted that the war would ultimately end with a negotiated peace.

He said: "An American inquiry addressed to all concerned would be particularly effective in this direction. It is generally understood that a refusal to accept a just and realistic formula might result in our own powerfully enlarged activity."

The Senator said he opposed the repeal of the Johnson Act or the Neutrality Act, and was also opposed to "sending American ships into belligerent zones or providing American convoys."

He said President Roosevelt's proposal for a "loan or lease of war material to Britain was 'too nebulous,' hence he would not comment on the subject because he was 'opposed to defeating the statutes by subterfuge.'

THREE DIVISIONS OF NAZI TROOPS MOVE INTO ITALY

Hitler's New Manoeuvres

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, DEC. 26 (UP).—IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED BY A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT THREE DIVISIONS OF GERMAN TROOPS ENTERED ITALY DURING LAST SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

THEY ENTERED THE COUNTRY BY RAILWAY THROUGH THE BRENNER PASS AND THE TARVISSA PASS.

It is declared that the troops comprise two mechanised and one infantry division, consisting of Alpine troops, who are believed to be destined for Albania.

This is the first mass transportation of German troops to Italy, although small groups of technicians have entered the country during the past two months.

Reports Excite Europe

But Confirmation Is Lacking

By Joe Alex Morris FOREIGN NEWS MANAGER

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Reports and rumours that German troops are moving in Rumania reverberate throughout Europe, but aside from reports from diplomatic sources, and the fact that trains are arriving in Budapest from Germany from three to four, and some even up to seven hours late, there is no official confirmation available in London, Budapest, Sofia or Ankara.

Berlin denied officially and flatly that German troops are moving through Hungary. Sofia officially denied that King Boris made a threat to Hitler that he (Boris) would abdicate immediately if Bulgaria is forced to serve as a German base.

At Bucharest the Press Ministry told the "United Press" that German troops who recently arrived at Temesvar were merely enlarging those already instructing the Rumanian army, and it is "unlikely that the Germans intend to start any military action in the Balkans, especially against Greece or Turkey."

The "United Press" correspondent was not permitted to state the number of recent arrivals. At Budapest, our correspondent said German concentrations at Temesvar and Arad were expected last week in view of the Italian defeats in Albania.

From Budapest comes the report that according to eye-witnesses there has been an intensification of German aerial transports across Hungary during the past three days, with railway trains rolling through hourly, loaded with all the equipment a large-scale German movement might require.

Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (UP).—Germany now possesses sufficient military strength to drive a wedge between Greece and Turkey. However, diplomatic sources assert that it would be difficult to reconcile any German passage through Yugoslavia because of the recent pact with Hungary.

The Bulgarian situation is equally delicate. It is believed that the Russian garrisons in Bessarabia now total at

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Japanese Start New Operations

Southwest Kwangtung Towns Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Dec. 27 (Domel).—Simultaneously with the bringing into effect on December 25 of the blockade announced by Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet, on December 23, Japanese naval forces, including aircraft, started operations against the Chungking supply routes and harbours along the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, according to the press section of the Japanese South China Seas Fleet.

Naval planes carried out reconnaissance flights over Shantung, Tientsin, Yungking, Fengtow, and Kwonghoi on the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, inflicting severe damage to warehouses filled with war materials to be used by Chiang Kai-shek's forces.

LATEST

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250 Guns Pound Away At Beleaguered Bardia City

By RICHARD MACMILLAN "United Press" Correspondent

With the British army besieging Bardia, Dec. 26 (UP).—Heavy British artillery throughout Christmas day hammered the beleaguered city of Bardia, and occasionally there were infantry engagements in No-Man's-Land.

The British attackers have brought up heavy naval artillery and at least 250 British guns of all calibre are massed in a semi-circle around the port, including some fresh batteries which have been added during the past 24 hours.

The Italians, who have been beaten further back upon Bardia, have been stubbornly resisting.

There is brilliant sunshine and a cold wind is blowing.

The rival armies remained heedless of the Feast of Nativity as the British forces sought to sweep the Italian defences into the sea.

The attackers are confident that the end is only a question of days.

I passed up the line through the dust and shimmering sunlight, along the coastal road leading to Bardia, and saw what seemed to be an endless column of tanks and fresh troops with guns, many hauled by brand new Italian lorries which had been captured in the desert fighting.

Official Report

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters report says that the situation in Libya is unchanged. On the Sudan frontier the patrol made a successful raid on east

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NIPPON POINTER TO SOUTH

High Official Drops Hint

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Dec. 26 (UP).—Very reliable sources learned that a Japanese official whose importance exceeds that of Lieutenant-General Sumita, head of the Japanese military mission, left for Saigon last Saturday to confer with General Sumita regarding Japanese aspirations in south Indo-China.

They said that this official told the French: "The Tonkin affairs of the Japanese are settled and we are now turning our interests southward."

The Japanese recently obtained land surrounding the Haiphong airfield which they are enlarging. They have used 5,000 tons of cement to modernise the Hanoi airfield and have ordered 30,000 additional tons.

The largest number of Japanese troops permitted by the recent agreement have already settled down with the officials and officers now in their own private houses.

GREEKS STILL ADVANCE

New Gains Claimed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (UP).—The War Ministry announced, "Local successful operations allowed our troops to advance and capture enemy positions. Prisoners and important war materials fell into our hands."

Advance Continues

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Radio Athens announced: "The advance of Greek troops continued on the entire front. Along the coast our troops captured several strategic heights, despite the snow storms and blizzards. West of the river Din, we pushed back the Italian forces. Further north we captured ten new villages, taking many prisoners."

Heavy Fighting

BELGRADE, Dec. 26 (UP).—Heavy fighting has been resumed on the northern Albanian front according to "Pravda's" frontier correspondent, whose whereabouts was not disclosed.

SUSPECT MURDER

The body of a Chinese was found on the hillside near Stanley Barracks this morning. No wounds were visible, but there were scratches on the face and hands, and the police suspect murder. They are investigating.

Thai-French Clashes Continue Unabated

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Dec. 26 (UP).—It is believed that there were border incidents on Wednesday and Thursday but the holidays have delayed the reports.

Last Thursday, near Savannakhet, Thai troops landed on the French islands of Sanet and Chien retreating for the French shelling of the Thai barracks across the river.

At the same time in the West Cambodian Ponget region, Thai-French patrols clashed, three Thais were killed and one wounded. On the same day Thai planes flew over the Savannakhet region and the French machine-gunned Kemmarat. The Thais retaliated with 20 shells on Thakhet.

Tin Mining Stopped

It is reliably learned that Indo-China has two of the largest tin mines at Boneng, north of Thakhet, and that business is at a standstill due to the Thai shelling and plane attacks as soon as anything moves on the vital road running along the river border. Only armoured cars are allowed on the road.

Batteries Engaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 26 (Domel).—French sources indicated to the foreign Press that the sharpest hostilities in the past fortnight occurred along the Thai-Indo-China frontier about Christmas as the batteries on the opposite banks of the Mekong River in the vicinity of Thakhet staged artillery duels. Thai gendarmes were reported to have raided Mekong islands.

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AIR TRUCE ENDED Germans Raid Isle Of Sheppy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—At 5.40 p.m. it was announced that the Christmas truce was apparently ended.

The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security in a joint communiqué said that the enemy bombed the Isle of Sheppy this afternoon with "little damage, no casualties and no deaths."

Meanwhile, troops with machine-guns on the English Channel coast exercised extreme caution against any possible German surprise invasion through the mid-coast highway. Trains were stopped, inspected and identified, while the crews of the long-range guns commanding the Straits of Dover were in readiness for immediate action.

No London Raids

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP).—At 12.10 a.m. to-day there were still no raids on Britain aside from the lone bombing of the Isle of Sheppy on Thursday afternoon.

Churches Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Press Bureau of the Church of England revealed to-day that German bombings during the past year had caused the destruction or damage of over 1,000 churches, schools, halls and vicarages throughout the country.

Some of England's most famous and oldest cathedrals are included in the report, listing the total destruction of St. Michael's Cathedral at Coventry. It also listed the damage to Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and Liverpool Cathedral; St. Martin in Fields; St. James in Piccadilly and St. Mary's at The Bow.

De Gaulle Tells Vichy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The announcement that the Vichy Government has decided to release French officers captured at Dakar has drawn from General de Gaulle a rejoinder.

He welcomes the fact that French public opinion has compelled the release of these officers and non-commissioned officers whom, until recently, Vichy had intended to bring before a Court Martial.

General de Gaulle adds that it is, however, clearly understood that the step taken by Vichy will in no way modify the safety measures taken regarding certain generals and senior officers arrested by the Free French forces in the course of recent Police operations in Gabon.

H. M. Acheron Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—An Admiralty announcement says that the British destroyer Acheron of 1,350 tons has been sunk. This is the 34th destroyer lost. The normal crew of the Acheron was 138.

Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter sailed from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 69 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and woodwork were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost invulnerable."

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NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be "At Home" to all invited Guests on the occasion of the Club's Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, to be held on Saturday, 28th December, 1940. The Lawn Bowls games will commence at 2.30.

Immediately after these friendly games, there will be a Presentation of Prizes to winners of the various Club Competitions held during the year.

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CHINESE HARASSING TACTICS

Troop Train Hits Mine

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Central News).—A Japanese troop train struck a Chinese mine near Jiaokou station, on the Kiao-tsi Railway about 21 miles west of Weihai, on December 23. A number of Japanese were killed and wounded, and the locomotive and four coaches were wrecked. A quantity of alcohol and oil aboard was gutted by fire.

Another Japanese train was blown up by a Chinese mine on the Changlin-Poshan loop line on the same day, resulting in scores of Japanese casualties.

North Kiangsu
CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—A Japanese contingent pushing eastward from Hanchow in north Anhwei last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops selling Japanese goods on fire.

Over 100 Japanese were killed and two blockhouses were destroyed in a Chinese raid at Muiokou, northwest of Chihshien in north Honan on the night of December 10.

Contact of Japanese units on the Tsinshui-Yangtze highway in south Shansi has been completely severed as a result of the Chinese destruction of the road, bridges, and telephone and telegraph wires. Three bridges and a section of the highway east of Yangcheng were also destroyed.

Interception Near Swatow

KWEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Japanese troops in seven lorries and eight tanks protecting a gang of workers building a new highway in Tsenghai, 12 miles north-east of Swatow, were intercepted and attacked by the Chinese on December 24.

Soviets Capture Spy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardman captured an alleged spy who had entered Soviet-Russia from one of the Baltic States, and belongs to the intelligence service of a foreign Power. The paper stated that the spy "entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked."

Hitler May Soon Attempt Invasion Of The Ukraine

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard, enabling the easy use of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a campaign was well within the bounds of possibility "in this war of surprises-in" which logic plays no part.

Turkish Opinion
ISTANBUL, Dec. 26 (UP).—A very well informed source who has just returned to Istanbul from Rumania is of the opinion that the arrival of any large new bodies of German troops would be highly significant, since the Rumanian authorities are not expecting any increase in the present figure, which, he said, was 42,000 men.

He suggested that any troop movements through Hungary might be partially due to a shift towards south Poland.

He estimated that there are 70 German divisions on the Russo-Polish frontier, the movement of which is difficult because of the comparatively antiquated Polish railway system.

Berlin Dismisses Reports
BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—Authorized Nazi circles said the foreign reports of Russo-German difficulties in the Rumanian area were "routine attempts of foreign propagandists to disturb the relations of the two countries."

They also dismissed the "wishful thinking" reports of German troop movements on the Russo-German frontier, and that Russia had strengthened her garrisons in both Bessarabia and Poland.

They put aside the report that the Russian delegate had resigned from the Danube river control conference which has now been adjourned until the middle of January.

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His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 16 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, Mr. Charles Halcart.

The announcement says: "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies. Belgians in countries not occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

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Pilot Survives Direct Hit By Enemy Shell

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—A thrilling story of a parachute escape from a Spitfire was told by a Sergeant pilot who was a member of one of the first flights to have shot down 100 aircraft operating from one station.

He said: "We had attached a formation of Messerschmitt 109's about lunchtime one day. We peeled off down from about 22,000 feet one after another and made our attacks. Then there was a dog fight and I was hit by a cannon shell as I was about to attack a Messerschmitt 109 about 1,000 feet below me."

"Immediately my Spitfire went into a steep dive. Flames appeared all round, so I threw the hood back and kicked myself out of the machine. I had been hit in the leg and fainted almost immediately."

Falling Fast
"I came to pretty soon afterwards and found that I was falling fast. I was very comfortable but at 14,000 feet or so I pulled the parachute rip cord. Then when coming down slowly, I took my wireless lead which was still attached and tied it light round my leg to staunch the flow of blood."

"Then I realised that my tunic was on fire, so I beat out the flames with my hands, I singed my moustache too."

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Further Experiments With A.R.P. Tunnels

Work on the A.R.P. tunnels continued during the Christmas holidays, said Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, and work on other A.R.P. projects is being proceeded with.

Experiments with seating accommodation and a system of ventilation was tried out.

Work on Kowloon nullahs was completed, and the nullahs were now available for use as shelters.

The nullahs on the Island, on the other hand, were found to provide difficulties on account of the steepness of the hillsides.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.
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Sunday, Dec. 29

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Reg. Dec. 30, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31
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Ord. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
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Ord. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Parcels Jan. 1, Noon.
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G.P.O.
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Ord. Jan. 2, 7 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 3
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Straits, Ceylon and India 3.30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4

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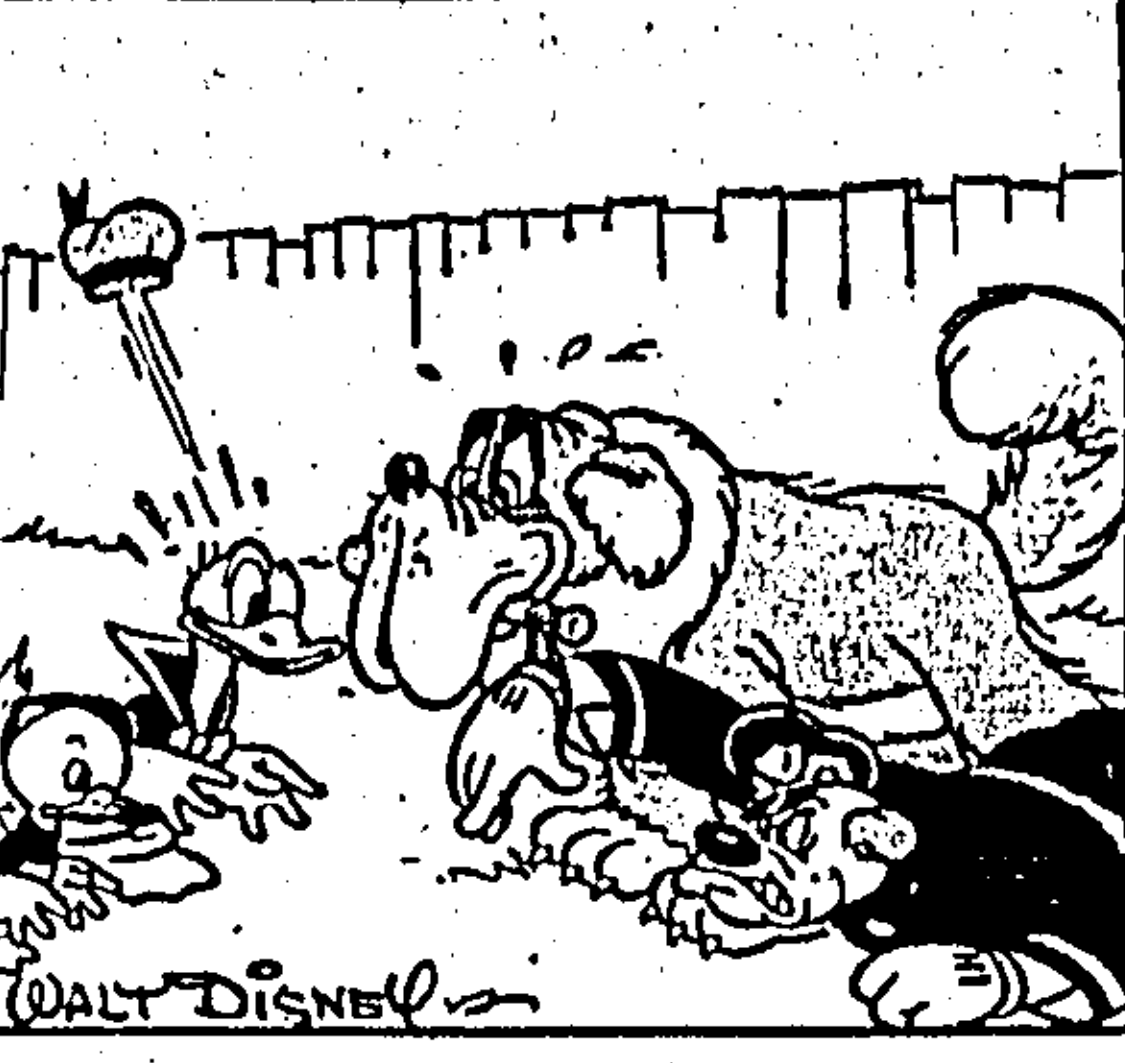
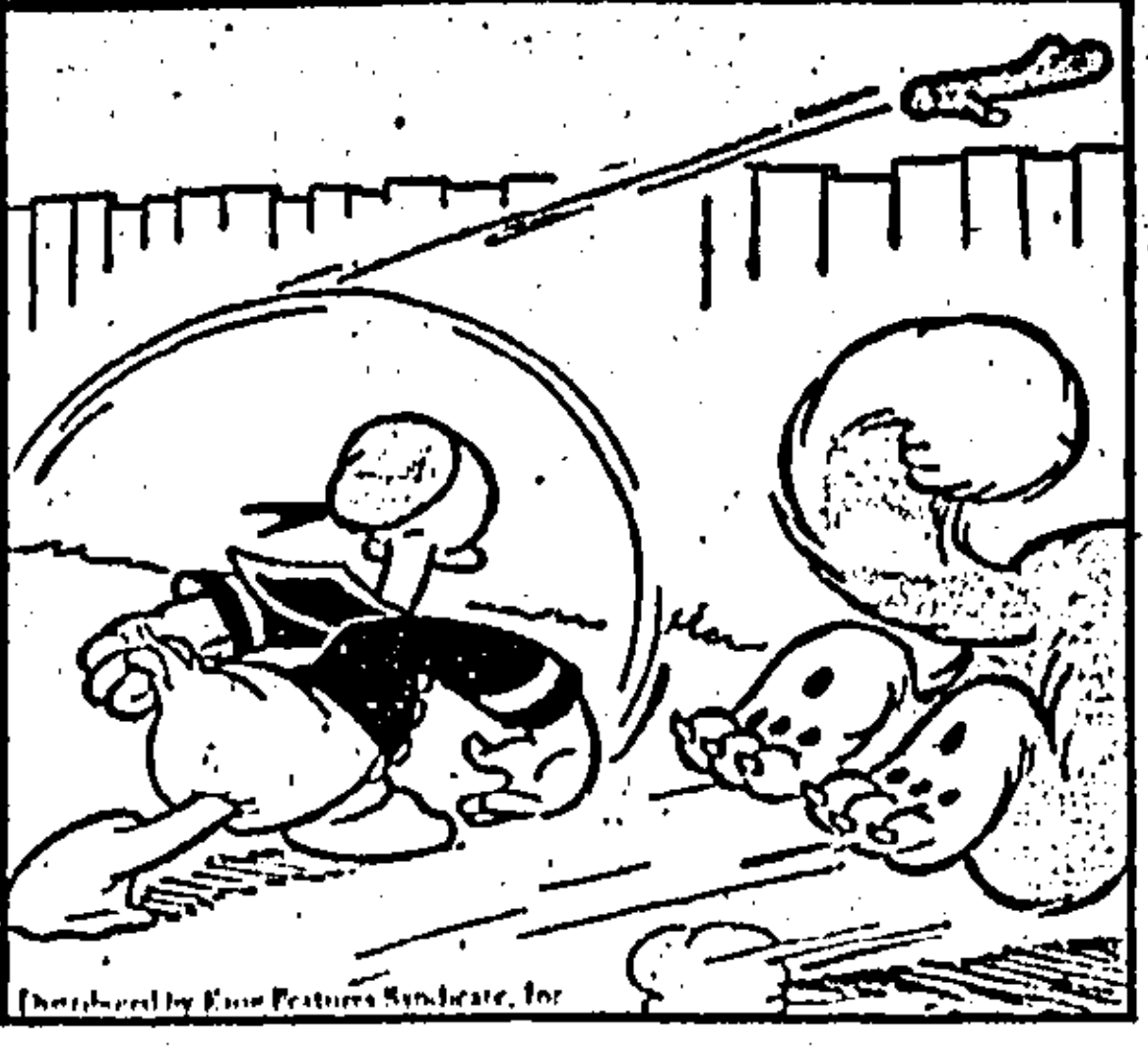
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FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Doan



SO I BALED OUT...

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out; just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. I could hear the thud of their bullets.

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damaged.

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its mark.

I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control column became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart.

Everything after this was perfectly calm. I was at about 10,000 feet, but some miles out to sea. I lifted my seat, undid my strap and opened the hood.

The wind became my ally. A hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—seemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air—floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my parachute and open my parachute.

When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the beach came nearer.

I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot circled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot?

Well, he did not. He behaved quite well. He opened his hood, waved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards France.

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the beach. I took out my cigarettes and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

Agas seemed to pass. I threw away the cigarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the rudders of the enemy planes, and passing over the houses on the sea-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping. For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became anxious.

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had pushed myself free of a house with my good foot.

The Great Famine Has Begun

by W. N. EWER

EUROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Voelkischer Beobachter*.

"All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled *Radio Luxemburg*, "the harvest is being supervised by German organisations."

"All agricultural produce and all 'oddstuffs' are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazis boast that food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? "Who's to be conquered?"

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of these sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder. It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the *Reichstag*, "control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganise their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over-industrialised"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the *Nazi Communism* General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany. Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch.

They must slaughter their cattle—and Germans will eat the meat.

As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

Again hear the Nazis boasting of what they are doing to the Danes.

"Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week—more than she used to send to England," cries the *Naarbrücken radio*.

"Deliveries of eggs and butter and livestock from Denmark are exceptionally big. Indeed, there are too many pigs being sent," says the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

"Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the *Transocean Agency*.

ALL FOR GERMANY

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from asking what they are gaining from these military victories.

Food to tide them over the coming winter. After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter cattle twice.

Food—for the time being—for Germany. What of Denmark?

A third of her livestock has already gone to Germany, according to *Amuric* reports to President Roosevelt.

Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal bread-stuffs and fodder grain.

The agricultural situation, says another reliable report, "is becoming catastrophic."

With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that Denmark is being benefited.

Her export trade is increasing. Is that not splendid, for her?

It might be if these big compulsory exports to the Reich were being paid for. But, for the most part, they are not paid for—except in paper.

This is not export trade. It is just plunder.

How is it done? Something, of course, the Reich sends in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no power.

It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is either not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

Before the invasion, Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big German debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its place.

For the rest, payment has been made in German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this useless paper in Denmark.

And now the unhappy Danish Government has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off.

The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish kroner to cover these *Reichsschuldenscheine*. The result of that (never mind the technicalities of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish currency.

Prices will rise. The unhappy Danes will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have stolen.

It is a device typical of Dr. Schacht, Hitler's financial schemer. Estimates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazi army has conquered.

For a time the plunderers are going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time.

Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tide herself over the coming winter this way; but hardly much longer.

Hitler is pinning his hopes on getting peace this year. Germany is going to live on her conquests.

But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the outlook is famine or something desperately close to it.

The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they are trying to profit by the very misery of their victims.

They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be the result of the British blockade.

They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belgians—more food that can be stolen and fed to Germans.

There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring.

There will be starvation in some parts.

It will be because the German armies and the Nazi Communists have stolen the food of the people they have overrun.

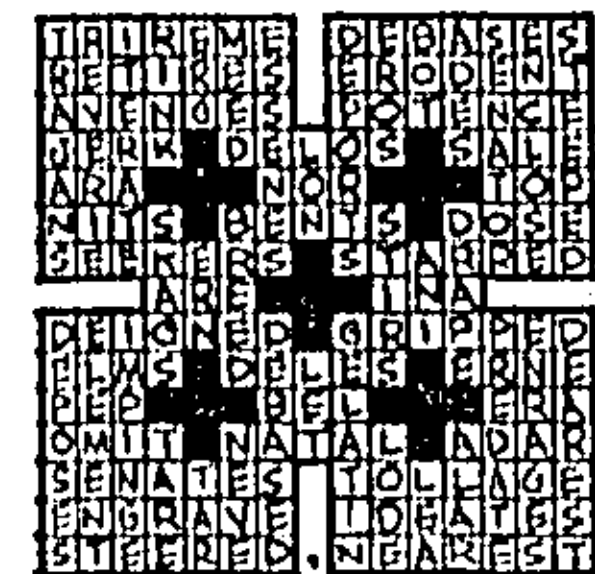
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Lift
- 3—Master
- 12—Press into shreds
- 14—Three (German)
- 15—In the same place (abbr.)
- 16—Dart-thrower
- 17—Lettuce (abbr.)
- 18—More docile
- 21—The (French)
- 22—Bully tactics
- 23—Done in apple
- 24—Shareholders
- 25—Japanese vegetables
- 26—Included spot
- 27—Classified
- 28—Denier
- 29—Business
- 30—Day (obsolete)
- 31—Exclamation
- 32—Confederate soldier (Union slang)
- 33—Apply friction
- 34—Wearing Scotch garment
- 35—Lard name
- 36—American patriot
- 37—Wind instrument

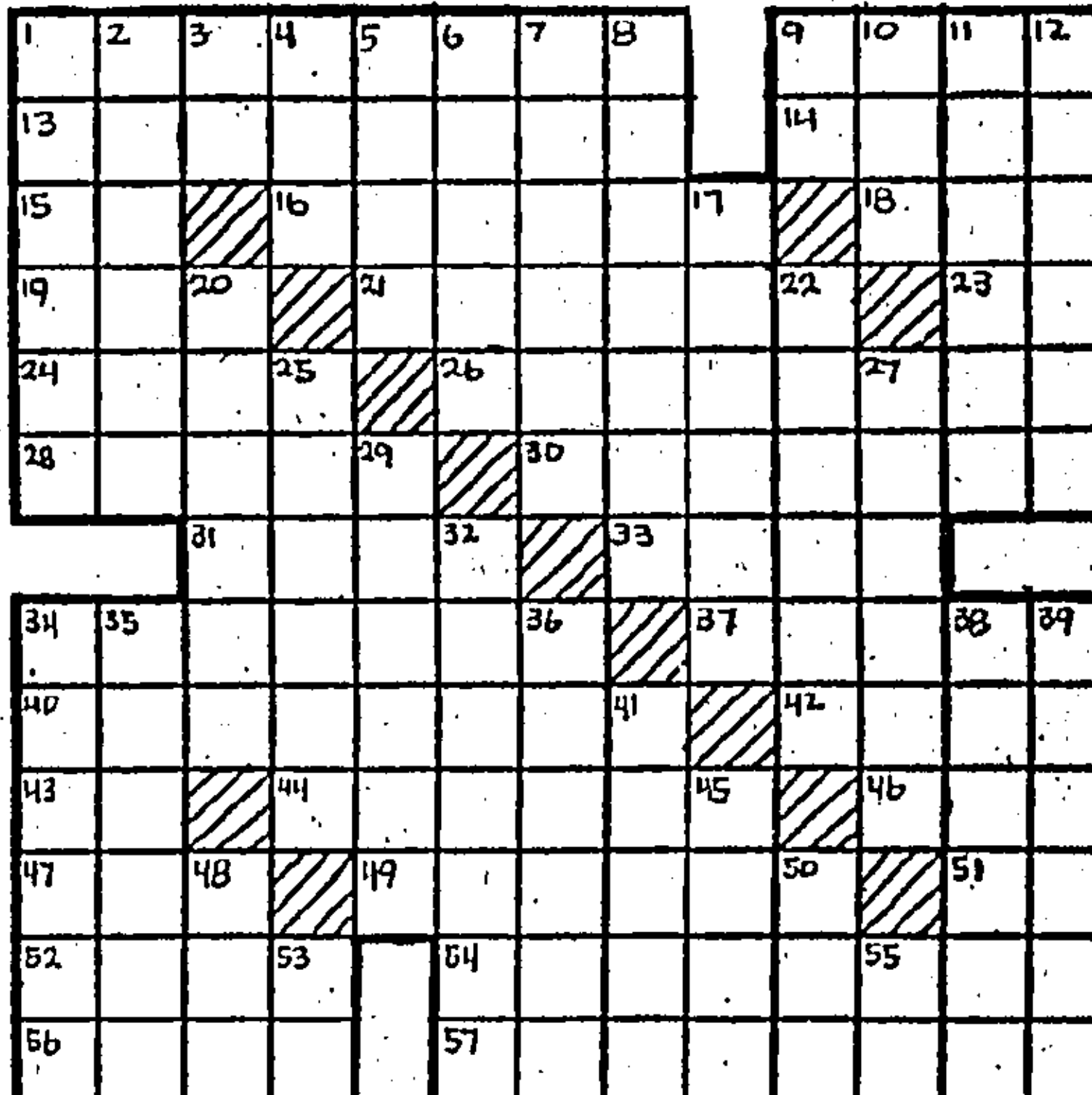
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 3—Printer's unit
- 4—Algebraic letter
- 5—French protestor
- 6—Assigned for late
- 7—Aquatic mammal
- 8—Quelling leader
- 9—Lord (abbr.)
- 10—Threats back
- 11—One who slanders (poet)
- 12—Various
- 13—Science of fungi
- 14—Threats back
- 15—Son of Canaan
- 16—Denier
- 17—Astrile for
- 18—Science of bodies at rest
- 19—Threats back
- 20—Irrishman who knows Veda
- 21—Genus of flowers
- 22—Small hole
- 23—Answers argument
- 24—Denial
- 25—Italian 13th century political faction
- 26—Mine
- 27—Compass point
- 28—Denial

DOWN

- 1—Ship's syllable
- 2—Unstable
- 3—Cut with teeth
- 4—Tripe stew



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PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE: THE LITTLE THINGS...

Another instalment from the diary of a journalist who enlisted in the Guards.

THE sky twinkles like a spangled skirt in a sport-light. It is ack-ack fire. The barrage is up.

The guns sound like blankets being vigorously shaken. All round us searching lights shoot up, bounce off clouds, and swing to and fro, making strange patterns.

Something goes past; then stop.

"Shrapnel," says the man from Leicester. "I ain't fritt o'ed myself free of a house with my good foot."

And now I come to a pleasant recollection—in spite of my injured foot and my painful landing.

The people in that seaside town were wonderful. A woman appeared with a cup of tea—in one second. Then a policeman with a whistle and soda.

I drank the whisky and soda first.

I remember one amusing incident as I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven came over to me with cigarettes, and he said: "Good luck, sir. When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

no shrapnel. Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o' char 'ere; cup o' char there.

But now, blimey, you notice the taste of a nice cup o' char. I could do with one now."

"Ah," says the Man from Yorkshire. "And take beds."

"When I first come," says the to things. Three months ago Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one look at my bed and said, Hell, blue murder if we were asked to sit on a wet chair. Now, look breakfast. But now! Well, the at us—sitting' in puddles, and other day I got a different mat-glad of the chance . . . tress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

"It makes you realise the importance of everyday things," I say.

Old Silence replies: "You're right. Take things like air and daylight. I was coming along in the train when a warning went. The blinds were pulled down."

"Ten miles on, the All Clear sounded, and the blinds went up. I never saw so much daylight taken in a little bit of ordinary daylight and a few breaths of not very fresh air."

"Take tea," said the Lad from the Elephant and Castle.

"Why, back in Clivvy Street, you drunk so much tea you got so with chocolate."

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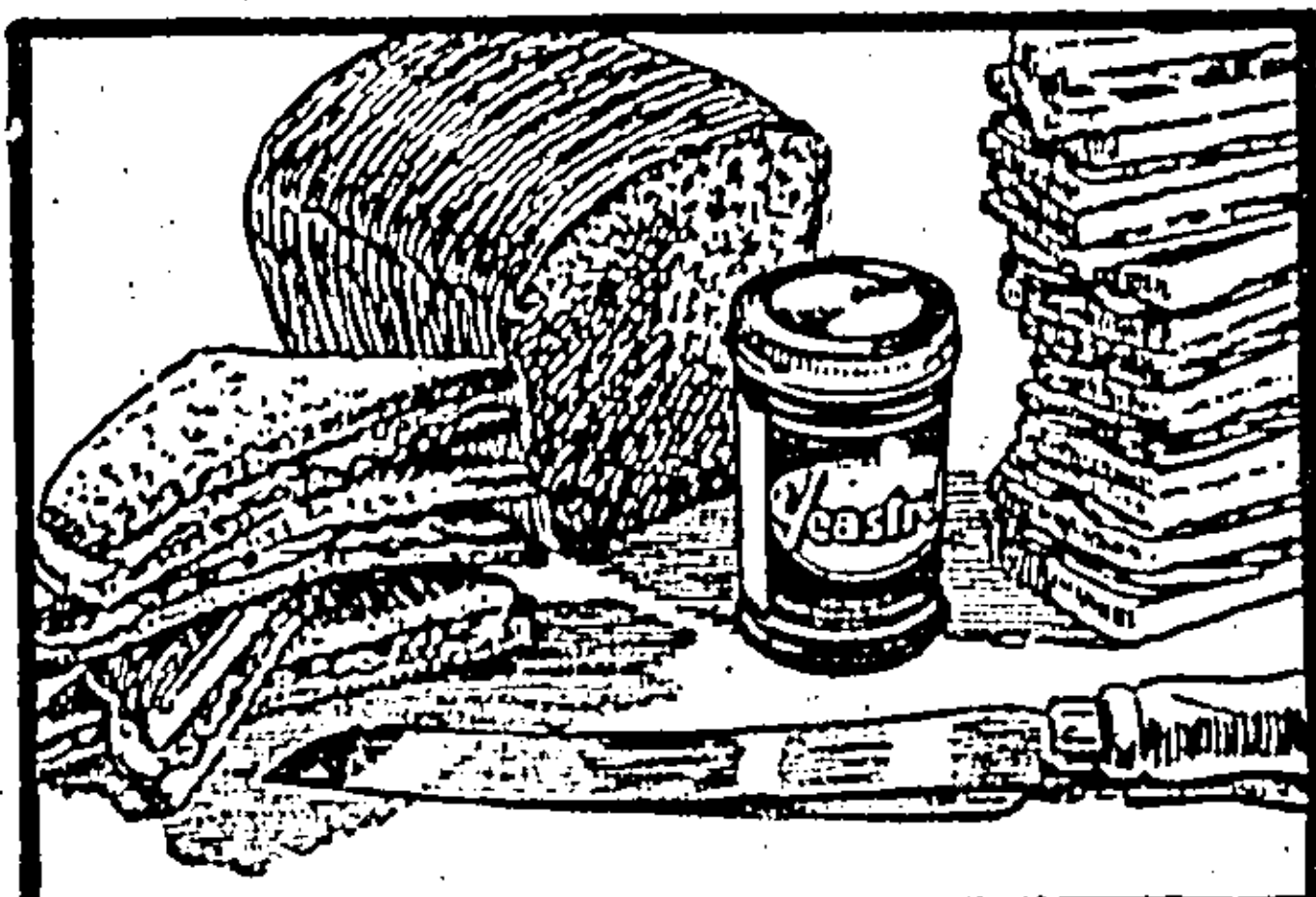
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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of
Anglo-American relations is one
of the most satisfactory features
attendant upon the war in
Europe. In its political phase
this friendship means of course,
that our eventual victory is
certain; whereas before the odds
were quite heavily against us.

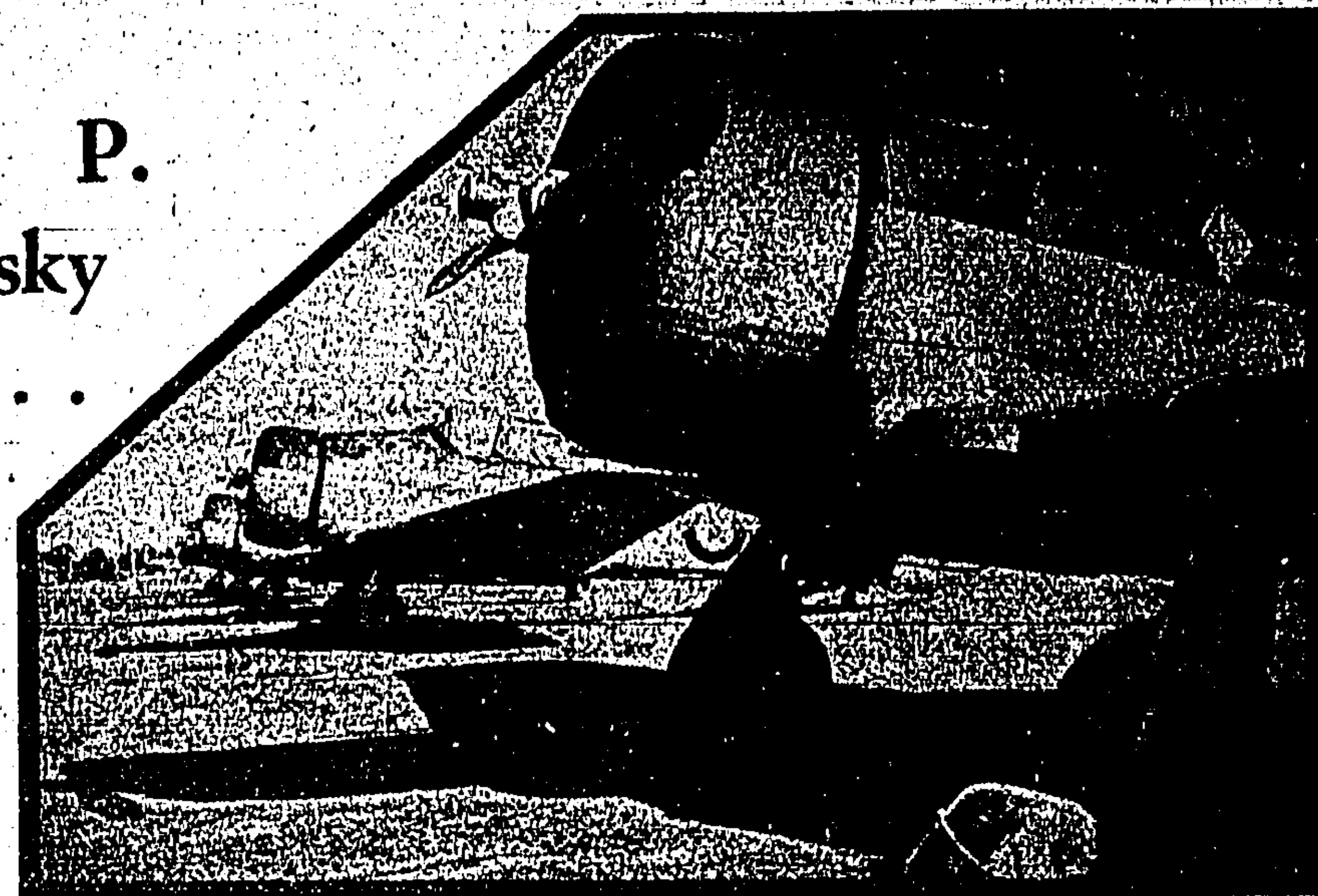
A talk with well informed
Americans recently, elicited the
fact, which characteristically
never fails to surprise the
Englishman, that he personally
was in very bad odour with his
American cousin. In fact the
weight of prejudice against him
was so heavy that it will not all
be dissipated for some years.
One American lecturer remarked
that it is still necessary for him
to point out that the Englishman
is a complete ass before he gains
the sympathy of his audience
sufficiently to lead on to the use
America can make of these
"stooges" for their own pur-
poses in fighting Hitler! By
such devious means the inherent
distrust of Americans for the
English must be overcome even
to-day when most of the two
peoples realise that our common
happiness can only be gained by
a common anti-authoritarian
front.

The history books on both
sides of the Atlantic have been
the most potent sources of
Anglo-American friction because
they blatantly misled school-
children as to the course of his-
tory and played up their national
triumphs to the derogation of
other countries. To that vast
bulk of people who never learnt
more history than was crammed
into them at school, such text
books undoubtedly raised a fog
of confusion and lies which
remained all their lives.

In America there are more
Europeans than in any other
country and most of them
can recall through their mother
countries many reasons for dis-
liking Britain. It was Britain
who thwarted Dutch dreams
of Empire, smashed Kaiser
Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanc-
tions on Italy, engineered the

**Major
Alexander P.
De Seversky**
says...

In the following article,
specially written for the
United Press, the noted
aeroplane designer and
recent recipient of the
Harmon Trophy as out-
standing airman of 1939,
discusses the importance
of air power in connection
with the fight between the
British and the Axis
nations for domination of
the Eastern Mediterran-
ean, now centred in the
battles in Greece and in
the Western Desert.



WHO MASTERS THE AIR MASTERS THE MEDITERRANEAN

In the past any discus-
sion of the control of
the Mediterranean area
revolved around Gibrat-
tar, Malta, Haifa and
Alexandria. But air
power once again, in the
unfolding campaign of
this crucial area, will
recast the old and ac-
cepted strategic maps of
the world.

Little mention, for
instance, was made of Crete
in the past. Yet to-day that
island, to the southeast of
Greece, seems destined to be
the pivotal point in the
great struggle for Mediter-
ranean mastery. That is
where the decisive air battles
of the campaign are shap-
ing up. One look at the
map discloses how Crete,
heretofore an inconspicuous
island, viewed to-day
through the glasses of air
power, becomes the logical
commanding centre of the
entire eastern half of the
Mediterranean.

Therefore, the ability of
the British, with the support
of local Greek forces, to
hold the island of Crete is
thus emerging as the critical
question in the Mediter-
ranean enigma. Having oc-
cupied the island, the
problem of the British now
is to hold it against the air
offensive that is unques-
tionably being prepared by the
enemy.

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

The occupation of Crete gives
the British distinct im-
mediate advantages. The success which
the British and Greek forces
have scored against Italy to date
prompt observers to label the
Italian undertaking a "great mis-
take."

The fact, of course, is that
Italy was led to act in Greece,
just as Germany had to act in
Norway, by the logic of their
larger plans.

Both enterprises were nec-
essary "next steps" in the
attempt by the Axis to meet
British sea supremacy with the
only counter-weapon they pos-
sessed, namely their air power.
In Scandinavia their task was to

attack on the new Soviet, split
the Irish and so on. The only
anti-British propaganda that can
have much force just now is that
of the Axis minorities and the
Dies Committee has done much
to quash them.

For the rest we shall let the
voice of the working man speak
to his opposite number across
the oceans and let them with un-
cultivated tongues, speaking
from the forge and factory
where they work long hours un-
complainingly to arm democracy
against the Axis, tell each other
Anglo-American friendship will
be of sterner stuff in future.
That relationship must be part
of Mr. Churchill's "new order"
in Europe.

encircle the British Isles, and in
Greece it is to encircle the Suez
region.

Axis control of Crete as an
aviation stronghold would make
the Eastern Mediterranean too
dangerous for the British fleet.
That is the sense in which Crete
has become the strategic key
to the Mediterranean under
modern conditions of air power,
just as the strategic naval
bases were keys to their
particular areas under conditions
of sea power.

THE LESSON OF NORWAY

We must assume, however,
that the British high command
has profited from the experience
of the Norwegian reverses. It
therefore became essential, at
almost any price, to bring Axis
air force into play against
British sea power.

Last April the Germans had
determined to deny the British
the use of Scandinavian waters,
and lacking the necessary sea
power, the Germans could cope
with the situation only by
bringing their superior air
strength to the shores of the
North Sea.

In the Mediterranean, the
Italians have been confronted
with a parallel problem. The
superior British fleet was free to
move in neutral but friendly
Greek waters. This interfered
seriously with Italy's life lines
to Lybia and to the Dodecanese
Islands. The Fascist overland
campaign against Egypt was
bogging down because of British
harassment of the supply lines
across the Mediterranean. It
therefore became essential, at
almost any price, to bring Axis
air force into play against
British sea power.

AXIS AIR POWER

Italian aviation could not
manage this alone. We may
take it for granted that
Mussolini is merely clearing the
ground for the collaboration of
German aviation. The Italian
bombers—such as the Piaggio,
the Caproni and the Savoia-
Marchetti—have a long reach

and impressive striking power,
but they are extremely vulner-
able to pursuit attacks because
they lack defensive armament.
Even more important, Mussolini
lacks the pursuit fighters to con-
voy his bombers effectively.
Hitler must therefore make up
the difference by contributing
enough Messerschmitts and
other fighters to give the Axis
a well-balanced air weapon.

But contrary to popular con-
ception, most of the equipment
of German air power is unable
to carry on except at fairly close
range. It is by no means a self-
sufficient air arm, having been
built for co-ordinated action
with land forces. To extend its
operations, German aviation, as
now constituted, must move its
line of operating bases quite close
to its targets.

The result is that German
aviation can advance only as
fast as it can move its supplies
and establish new aerodromes.
That is why there was an inter-
val of more than a month
between the occupation of
Norwegian coastal points by the
British and their expulsion by
Nazi air attack.

Another such time interval is
just as unavoidable before the
combined German-Italian avia-
tion can go after Crete.

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land
operations would have been un-
necessary if the Axis had
possessed genuine air power,
with the range and striking
force (bomb loads) entirely
possible at the present stage of
aeronautic science. We must
see to it that the implications of
this are fully understood and
taken into consideration by
those responsible for the plan-
ning of our own American air
defence. They must realize that
there is a big difference between
genuine self-dependent air
power and an air force conceived
primarily as an adjunct of some
other arm. This difference is
growing even bigger with the
rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval
superiority in the Mediterranean
will be as irrelevant as it proved
to be in the Norwegian
campaign. The air factor will
tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously,
on the measure in which Church-
ill can divert air force from
the battle of Britain to reinforce
the Mediterranean positions. In
that sense the battle of Britain
complements the Greek cam-
paign. That is the chief reason,
in fact, why Hitler must keep up
his attack on the British Isles.

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Barring None

By Burck



"We could skate over—if it would get cold enough
to freeze the Channel."
(In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

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A. V. Gosano Injured
Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

The game was fast and what science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese were a diminutive lot, and what they lacked in size was made up by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there was not the same understanding as was evinced in the English side. Playing with only four forwards during the greater part of the game, T. Alves should have been more on the alert and his weak clearances were a source of relief to the English defence when they were on the attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should have parted with the ball earlier on many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring up same for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with danger.

Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedios, B. Gosano taking over the duties of his elder brother in the centre half position played as a third back, and lent admirable support. The wing halves of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques' goal elicited the spectators with many brilliant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's darling in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

Steady Trio

The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half back trio that was the mainstay of their display, for although being worried they were never flustered, and always came off with the better end. Pope, Bright and Britt were

always there when wanted, and Pope's marking of T. Alves in particular had this Portuguese player well bottled-up. Bright went about his work with calm assurance and was way up in aiding the attack. Britt was none too steady against Campos, but nevertheless he was the means of stopping several dangerous raids. Roughley and Freshwater partnered each other well, their first time tackling and clearances were very effective.

In the forward line, Fox playing at outside right found himself in a strange position, and although he did not send across many useful centres, his partnership with Le Page had the Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. The former player had good understanding with his other men. Hendy scored the "hat trick" and his distributions and footwork delighted the English supporters. The same could be said of Saw. Bickford was the better of the two wingers, sending across many centres although he found in Maxwell a thorn to his doings. As stated, Robinson did all that was required of him.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both citadels were visited in turn, and after fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long after, Campos when going through on his own missed an open goal, having only Robinson to beat.

Returning to the attack, the English team secured the lead, when from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right foot drive that had Marques diving. Playing still with ten men, Portugal retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equaliser, as from a shot taken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the English players doing most of the attacking, Hendy when in possession answered and evaded two players to place the ball into the corner of the net.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Portuguese went about their work with a will, and from one of their sporadic raids, Campos went through

Wanderers And Club Draw

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

| RACE 1 | | |
|---|-------------|--|
| No. 112 | \$1,194.26 | |
| " 834 | 341.21 | |
| " 724 | 110.49 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 262, 274, 302, 1015. | | |
| RACE 2 | | |
| No. 1161 | \$1,326.42 | |
| " 430 | 379.97 | |
| " 207 | 169.49 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 616, 1202, 23, 702, 603, 1123. | | |
| RACE 3 | | |
| No. 601 | \$1,633.81 | |
| " 1114 | 473.00 | |
| " 1029 | 236.54 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1377, 1021. | | |
| RACE 4 | | |
| No. 2597 | \$25,008.42 | |
| " 51430 | 7,422.97 | |
| " 10229 | 2,718.49 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 801, 1601, 1123, 1915, 523, 1023, 203, 452, 704, 190. | | |
| RACE 5 | | |
| No. 1203 | \$1,830.64 | |
| " 1830 | 201.52 | |
| Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 603, 1910, 1067, 261, 1707. | | |

Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Results of rugby matches played today were:

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---|
| Cardiff | 16 Welsh XV | 0 |
| Gloucester | 20 Army XV | 3 |
| Home Counties | Rest of England | 0 |
| Public Schools | 14 Public Schools | 3 |

Golf

Bogey Pool At Sheungshui

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Country Club, Sheungshui, yesterday, finishing with a score all square.

K. T. Ooi, two down, was second.

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—India began a three-day match against Ceylon today. Batting first, India made 251, of which C. K. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 96.

At the end of the third day of the post-lunch tea, India had made 381 (Mushaq Ali 110) and two for 18. The rest had made 202 and 228 (Amir-e-Lah seven for 101). The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last moment on political grounds.

Softball Contributes To "Bomber Fund"

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund was collected yesterday at Kowloon Football Club where the Greybeards subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was in the nightcap in which the ladies battled with the Kowloon Kops, but it was generally agreed that a big time was had. Canuckette Dot Louey was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no casualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 o'clock:

L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and A. Zimmermann.

to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incessant attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy completed his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following up B. Gosano's mistake he scored from close in.

PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. F. Remedios, D. Alves; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, J. J. Pereira; H. Campos, C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, T. Alves.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, Le Page, Hendy, Saw, Bickford.

Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson

Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

Richardson and Knight opened and the latter at 17 had the misfortune to be yanked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, however, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

The 100 was hoisted in an hour and Richardson completed his 50 at the same time. When Ride was at 30 he should have been caught at deep mid-wicket off Alec Pearce.

So it went merrily until at 123, when 100 runs had been added, Ride was l.b.w. He had scored a nice 44.

Dicky's Century

AFTER this, interest chiefly centred in whether Richardson would get his century before lunch. He hit like a kicking horse, and soon put all doubts at rest. His hundred took him only 80 minutes. After that the fun began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were put down, and it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced the game excellently.

With 229 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 and Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alec Pearce, who took the ball right-hand level with his shoulder—242-3-144.

Owen Hughes came in and still runs came. At 270 Perry hit out at Dewar and was very smartly taken at backward point, (sent him gully at you will) for a nice innings of two short of his half-century, 270-4-48.

Club went on and runs still came, but mostly in singles. The Wanderers' fielding improved, but they could get no more wickets and Club declared at 308 for 4 wickets. Owen Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet 20 not out.

The Wanderers

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but it was told I might call it the Wanderers.

J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose opened the batting and Knight bowled at the Yard end. Pearce took a four through the slips. Owen Hughes bowled at the other end. He bowled John Pearce and Grose started to settle down.

To send the 40 up Grose hit a couple of beautiful off-drives to the pavilion. It was an expensive over—four fours and two singles.

The 50 was hoisted in 22 minutes.

Bowling Change

LLOYD then went on vice Owen Hughes, while McLellan relieved Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. in his first over, but it was a red-hot drive and went through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy owner.

At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar—a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down to play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alec Pearce asked one behind second slip and Owen Hughes just got to it but the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball, as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold it.

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second slip.

Just after, Grose, who was playing very nicely, completed his 50. His hooking on off-turners was delightful, and both feet were almost outside the off-stump.

Tea

AT 130 tea was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even if the tea interval cannot be cut out it should be reduced to a minimum.

As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

Grose hooked Perry very strongly to the mid-wicket boundary and Kilbee dashed along and held an excellent catch. 142-2-72.

Grose had played a pretty forcing innings. The only chance I saw was the drive that hit McLellan in his tummy.

Pearce completed his 50 and was immediately after dropped at mid-on. The box was doing well. But it availed him little. He played

on one from Knight and the ball shot on to his wicket. 140-3-52.

Bowling Change

I DON'T quite understand why Perry was taken off after bowling two overs and getting Grose out and Alec Pearce dropped. Presumably Owen-Hughes' idea was to get a left hander on to the new batsmen.

Knight tired a bit, and Coombes hit him for four 4's in one over—it should have been five 4's, but on the other hand the one through the slips should have been taken by first slip.

Next over, Swayne let out at a well-pitched one from Owen-Hughes, and was well caught low down at mid-off 182-4-5.

Without addition to the score, Freeman was bowled. The hutch seemed open.

Cricket grew dull, except when Coombes hooked McLellan for four. He shapes like a useful bat, but I do not recall having seen him before.

Head on-drove Owen-Hughes out of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was bowled. 200-6-12.

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on stoutly and completed his 50, of which ten shots were boundaries.

At 125, Dewar was bowled by McLellan. 225-7-1.

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-Hughes, and Coombes welcomed him by cracking him to the square-leg boundary and then on-driving him for two. Then he put him behind square leg for another four, and straight drove him for 6. It seems to me that Coombes is a considerable acquisition to Hongkong cricket.

Owen Hughes Again

OWEN HUGHES then relieved McLellan at the Yard end, but his first over was a maiden. Coombes hit Lloyd about pretty freely to send up the 250, and stumps were drawn with 253 on the board—Coombes 77 not out and Peel 2 not out.

Coombes had played a most excellent fighting innings, hitting powerfully.

It was an excellent game with the batsmen on top. There were a lot of catches dropped, and no one was outstanding with the ball.

I thought Perry might have been used more, and I am not sure I should not have tried Richardson of Ride on Coombes early on. It might have worked, but then it might not. I understand that there will be a sort of replay as far as possible on New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride will captain the Club side in the absence of Harry Owen-Hughes. I hope to report it.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB
J. E. Richardson, c. & b. T. Pearce 144
T. G. C. Knight, b. Head 44
L. T. Ride, l.b.w. b. Coombes 41
A. E. Perry, c. J. Pearce b. Dewar 40
J. L. C. Pearce, not out 39
D. Bosanquet, not out 20
Extras (10 25; LB 1; WD 3; NB 3) 30

Four (declared) for 308
R. H. Griffiths, D. McLellan, L. D. Kilbee, N. D. Lloyd, G. J. P. Carey did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| Head | 0 | 1 | 25 | 1 |
| Finnle | 4 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| Dewar | 2 | 2 | 24 | 1 |
| J. Pearce | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| T. Pearce | 10 | 0 | 97 | 1 |
| Swayne | 1 | 0 | 50 | 1 |
| Coombes | 3 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Head bowled four wides and Swayne one. Finnle and Dewar bowled a no-ball. | | | | |

THE WANDERERS
D. C. E. Grose, c. Kilbee b. Perry 72
J. E. Richardson, b. Owen-Hughes 63
T. A. Pearce, b. Knight 44
A. E. Perry, c. J. Pearce b. Dewar 40
J. L. C. Pearce, not out 39
D. Bosanquet, not out 20
Extras (10 25; LB 1; WD 3; NB 3) 30

Seven for 308
W. G. Finnle and B. B. B. Carey did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Knight | 0 | 0 | 48 | 1 |
| Owen-Hughes | 10 | 2 | 63 | 4 |
| Richardson | 10 | 4 | 43 | 1 |
| Perry | 2 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Lloyd bowled two no-balls. | | | | |

Home Football Results

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Results of football matches played in Scotland last Saturday were:

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|
| Aberdeen | 2 | Gilbert | 1 |
| Clyde | 3 | Third Lanark | 2 |
| Dundee | 2 | Park | 1 |
| Morton | 1 | Motherwell | 1 |
| Queen's Park | 0 | St. Mirren | 0 |
| Rangers | 0 | St. Johnstone | 0 |

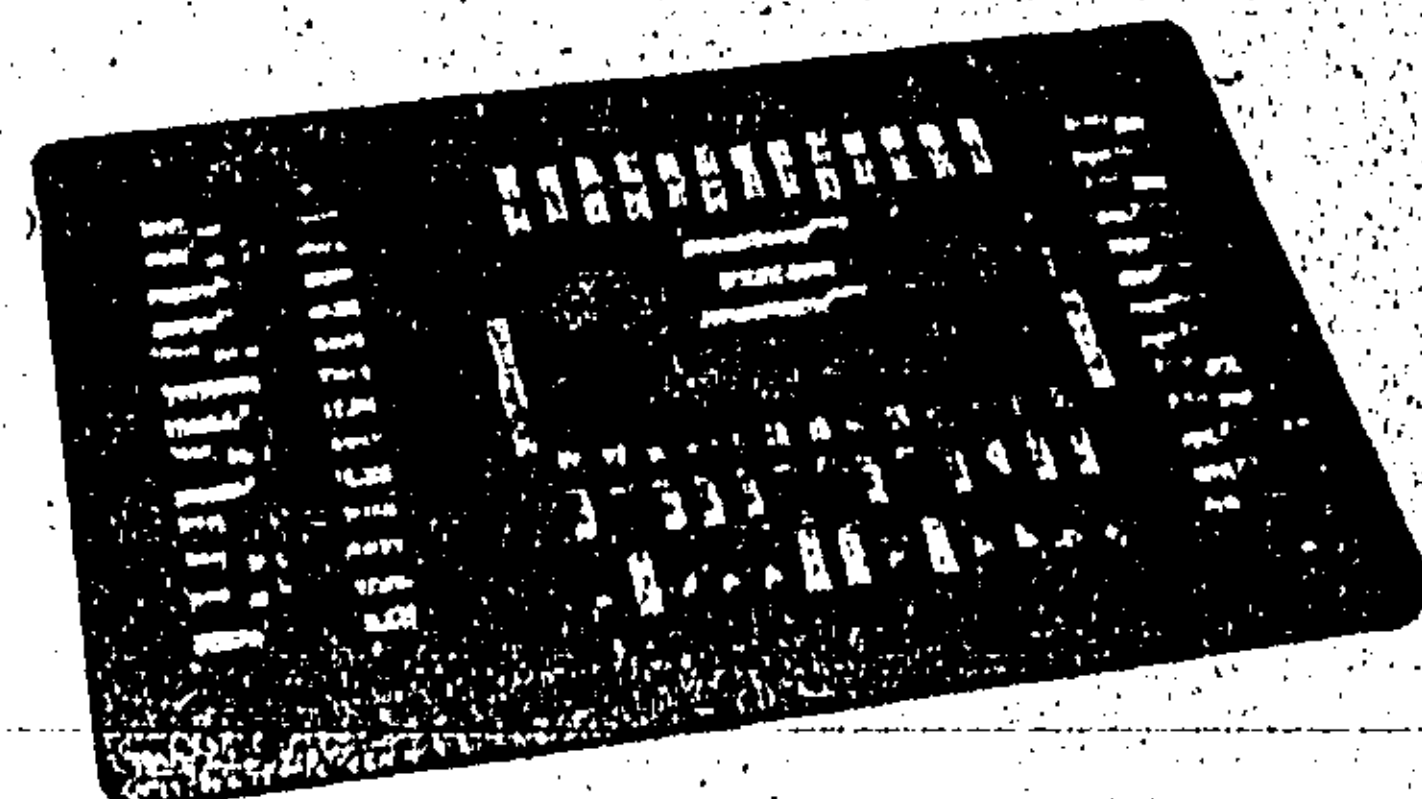
ENGLAND
The following were further results of matches played in England yesterday:

| | | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|---|
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| Stockport | 1 | Manchester, U. | 1 |

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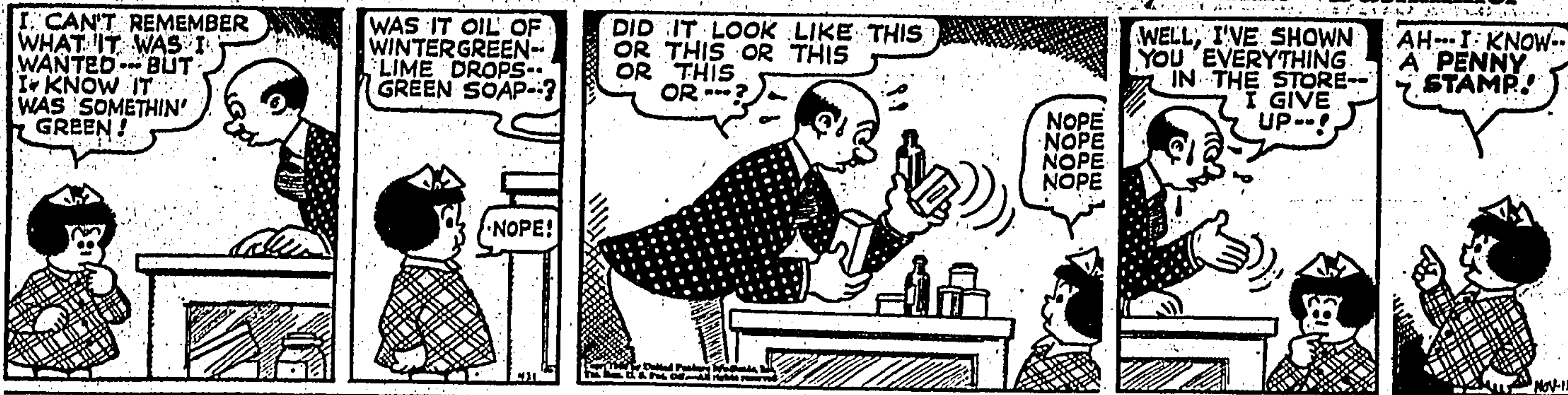
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers." It was announced by the White House to-day.

In a letter to the President, the group, which included editors, lawyers, educationists, actors and religious and labour leaders, appeals for everything possible to be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement," evidently to let President Roosevelt know what they consider a large section of the United States people would like to hear in his broadcast on Sunday.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the

military, naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting; but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The signatories include: Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative for New York, Henry Breckenridge, the well-known New York lawyer, Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thompson, the famous columnist.

Lifeboat Mystery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Vello, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000-ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr Winston Churchill, the Pope and King George VI.

Mr Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and interests have been enveloped and completely reversed by the attitude of a single man—Il Duce. The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio evades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—youth, people, lebensraum, right is might, etc.

Rifts in Unity

There is, however, rather a tendency to protest, too strongly for conviction, of the unity prevailing between the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The suppression of so many high officers recently is proof of rifts in this unity.

The Pope's address was also remarkable, seeing that it was delivered from Rome at this season. His Holiness' summary of the five points which all true Christians should practise is the most telling indictment of the whole totalitarian policy that could conceivably be made, especially in the exceptional circumstances of the Pope's position.

He brands the offence but does not mention the offender. Nobody who heard or read his homily can fail to realise that victory of truth, righteousness, honour, peace and mutual goodwill could be reached only one way. Coming at this moment, especially so hard upon the heels of Churchill's words, the address must have greatly intensified the strong influence his admonitions would have had in any case.

King's Speech

King George's speech was of a different character as compared to the other two addresses. It was non-political and almost non-political. His Majesty spoke as man to man, he spoke of the family, then of home life and Christmas spirit, of national unity, of national confidence and the hope of better things. No greater contrast to the usual blustering boasts and noisy fulminations of the Axis leaders—could possibly be imagined.

Press and Radio Campaigns
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: "Why should Britain go on with the war?"

Several broadcasts have asserted that the British government has had several peace opportunities. It is not supposed in London that the Germans really expect much to result from this peace propaganda especially when one takes into consideration the continual statements in German home broadcasts that the war will be a long one and that Britain is not easily overcome. This radio and press campaign has given the lie to Marshal Brauchitsch's statement that the English channel protects Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude a few months more or less is of no importance.

Some commentators think that Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to eliminate British opposition while leaving him still in possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

Training Thailanders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning aboard the Toba Maru for a six-month study at the Nippon Electric Manufacturing Company's plant. The group is accompanied by a Commander and a Lieutenant who will however return to Bangkok immediately.

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Britain's Food Supplies Quite Ample

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).

—Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the Ministry of Food still has sufficient stocks of all essential foodstuffs, and even if the British people have to accept shorter supplies, there is no fear of their being forced on to "iron" rations.

Even if the present butter ration is cut, the British people will still be getting a larger allowance than the inhabitants of the enemy countries and the territories they have over-run.

Food experts regard the position of fats as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very good indeed.

The sugar-beet crop this autumn has been a very successful one and the Ministry of Food has ample sugar stocks, both home-produced and from overseas.

Tea supplies are expected to last for many months to come. There is some suggestion that the meat ration may be reduced in the year from 1s. 10d. worth per head per week to 1s. 6d. worth. The Ministry has found that only about 90 to 95 per cent. of the present ration is used.

Another Cut Likely

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—It is understood that Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food will announce another cut in meat rations early in January to 1s. 6d. per person weekly compared to the present level of 1s. 10d.

Food experts stressed that Germany is not likely to starve out Britain despite the intensive U-boat campaign. "There are sufficient stocks of all essential food and commodities already stored in the British Isles; therefore, there is no fear of the public being forced on 'iron rations'," they said.

Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Mr. Glicht Masuda has been named Chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, while Mr. Shigeo Nishimura has been named Chairman of the Accounts Committee. Messrs. Tomomasa Kato, Saneharu Okamoto, and Gunji Matsui have been nominated Chairmen of the Appeals, Disciplinary and Proprietary Committees, respectively. At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr. Mogochi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr. Kiroku Oguchi will present the resolution condoling over the war dead.



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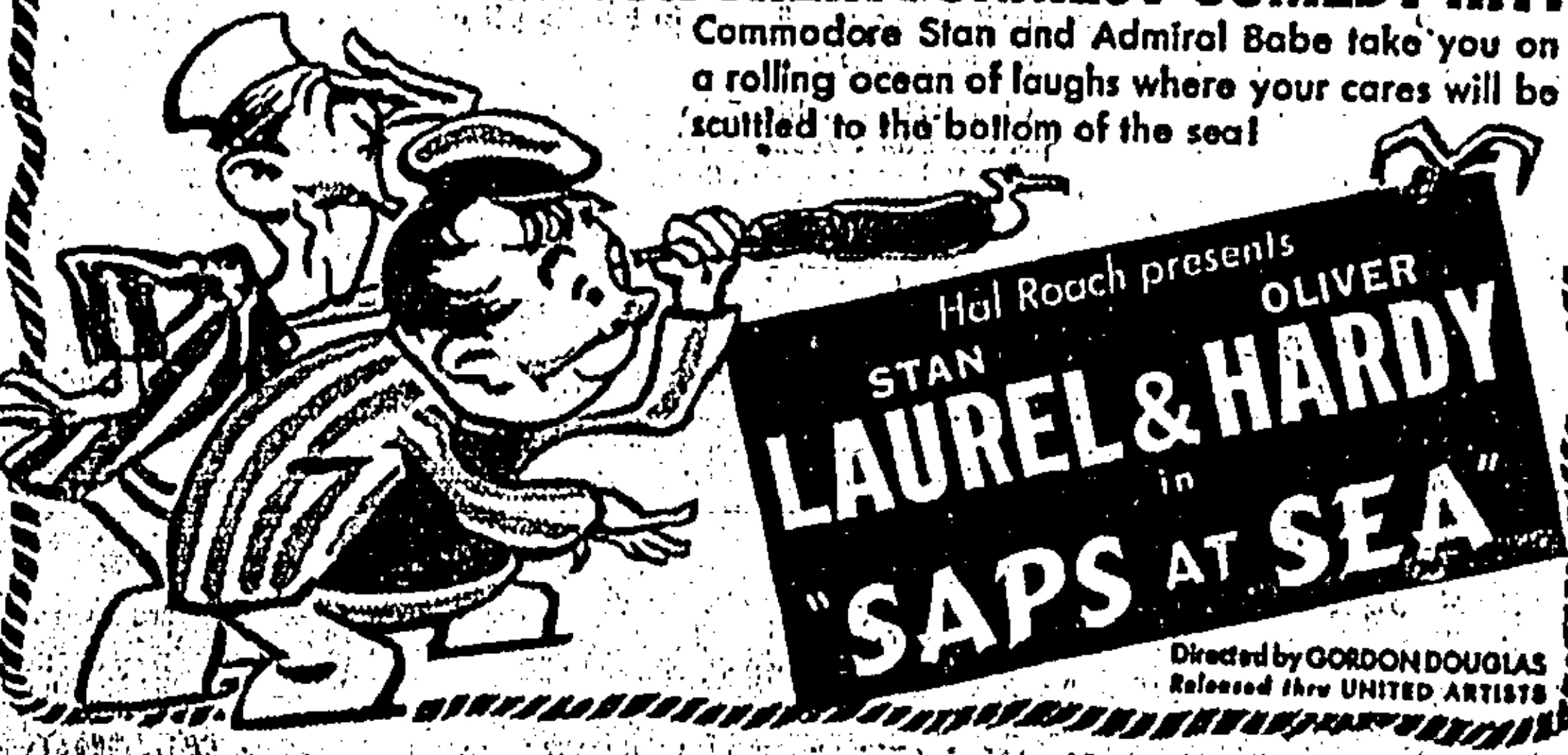
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Kassala and inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy.

Italian Incompetence

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuters).—Rome Radio and the Italian press have been trying to paint a picture of the holding out of the Bardia garrison as a heroic achievement and the Italian people are being told again and again of the good morale and fighting qualities of the soldiers overseas.

Commentators outside Italy remark on the ineptitude of this propaganda because it is known both inside and outside the country that the Italian series of defeats in Albania and the Western Desert is not the fault of the Italian soldiers but of the general direction of Italy's war policy.

Ill-Conceived Defences

Mussolini attacked Greece without taking the proper military measures to carry out the campaign. Marshal Graziani, like the other officers under Mussolini, spent three months preparing fortifications in the Western Desert that were so badly conceived that they fell like nincomps when the British attacked.

Italian Statement

ROME, Dec. 26 (Dome).—As the battle on the Cyrenaica front continued with undiminished intensity between the Italian and British forces, the Italian submarine command under the command of Captain Alberto Agostini sank two large steamers in the Atlantic while hitting another with a torpedo, the Italian High Command claimed in a communique.

Italian planes attacked British advanced positions heavily bombing them, the communique stated. It also claimed that British mechanized units south of Cyrenaica were "effectively" bombed by Italian warplanes.

On the Greek front, Italian forces repulsed Greek attacks at many points captured a number of prisoners while causing considerable damage to the Greek forces, declared the communique.

Import & Export Figures

Britain During October

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—Imports into Britain during the month of November, states the Board of Trade, reached £72,030,430 compared with £85,095,565 in October and £84,042,757 in November last year.

Figures for food, drink and tobacco were £22,721,000 against £22,607,000 in October and £23,057,000 in November last year.

Exports were £21,666,181 compared with £23,300,911 in October and £27,360,327 in November last year.

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3 DIVISIONS OF NAZIS IN ITALY

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least 20 divisions with full mechanized accessories. This is double the number of Russians there last summer and early autumn.

Spring Attack?

Germany's reported troop movement towards Rumania will require about one month according to the consensus of diplomatic opinion. It represents preparations for springtime positions rather than any immediate action in the Balkans; however, it is stressed the fact that it is impossible to do any accurate forecasting because everything is apparently dependent upon the attitude of Russia.

Perhaps the Soviets would prefer to throw their support towards Turkey and remain aloof from any direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania are estimated to range between ten and thirty divisions but it is admitted that this is purely guess work. Many trains are crossing the country carrying mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

Has Much To Gain

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here. It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time away. Mosul and Baku would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases in the Aegean Sea and the start

BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

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Agordat in Eritrea, supporting Gallabat.

Threat From Kenya

British and Imperial troops, now reinforced and fully equipped, are lying in wait like a cat watching a mouse along the whole front, while the Italian hold on Abyssinia is also threatened by General Cunningham's forces on the Kenya border.

Inside Abyssinia itself tribes are growing more restless. The flame of revolt is being further fanned by the R.A.F. who are incessantly bombing Italian strongholds within sight of the discontented tribesmen.

DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

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unsurpassed as a raconteur. He was an enthusiastic follower of the turf and an ardent football fan.

He was a member of S.N. Andrews' Society and the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

His death is a great loss to his employers and to the shipping fraternity.

A single man, the late Mr Lang leaves a brother, who is a chief engineer with the Union Steamship Co., Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult.

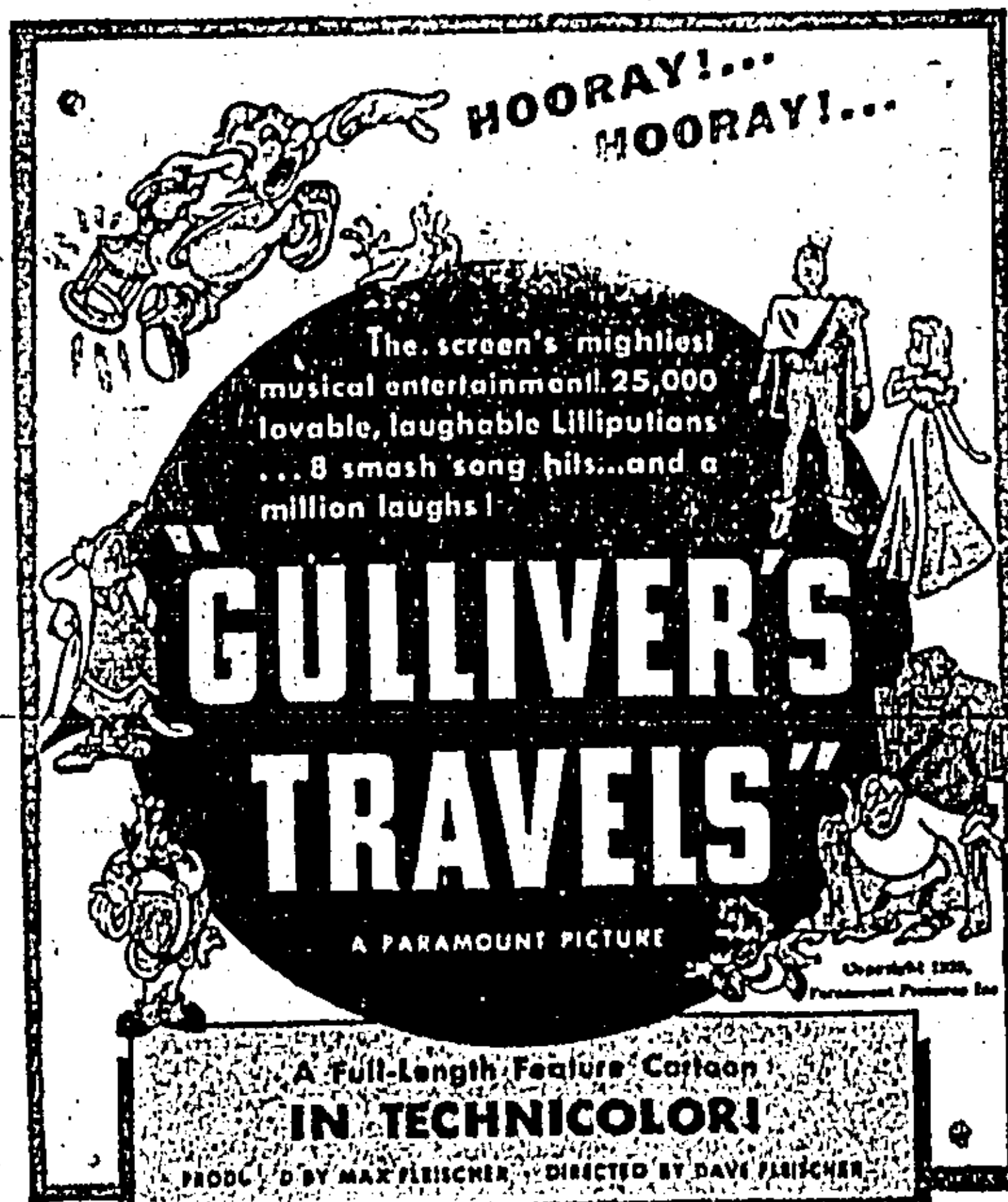
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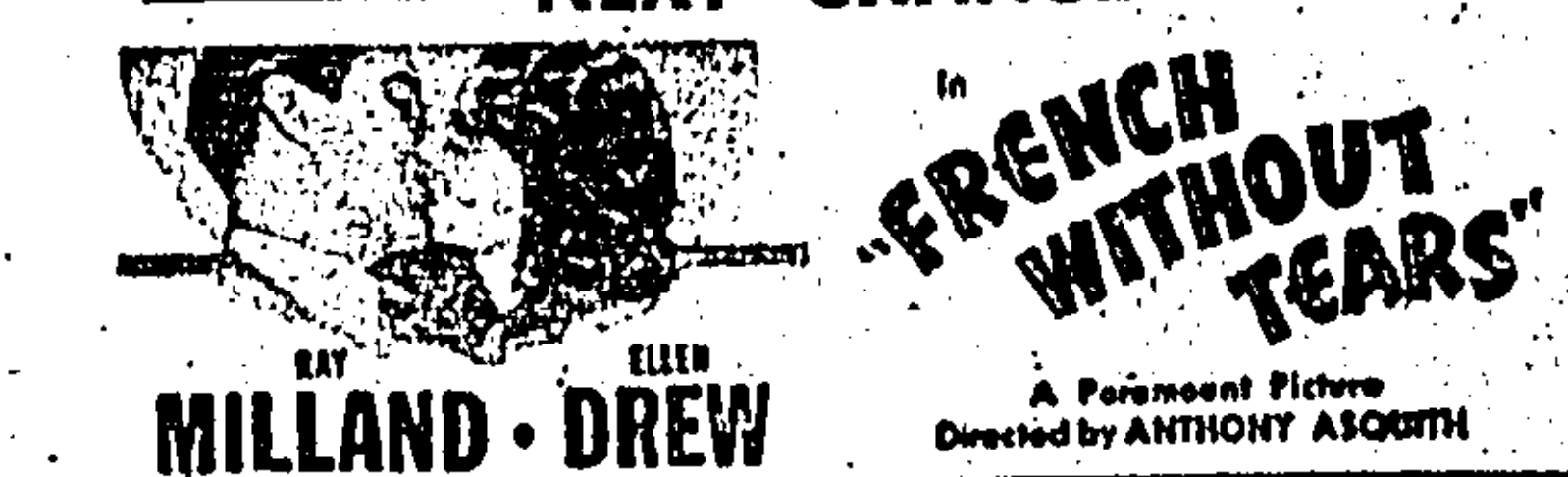
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